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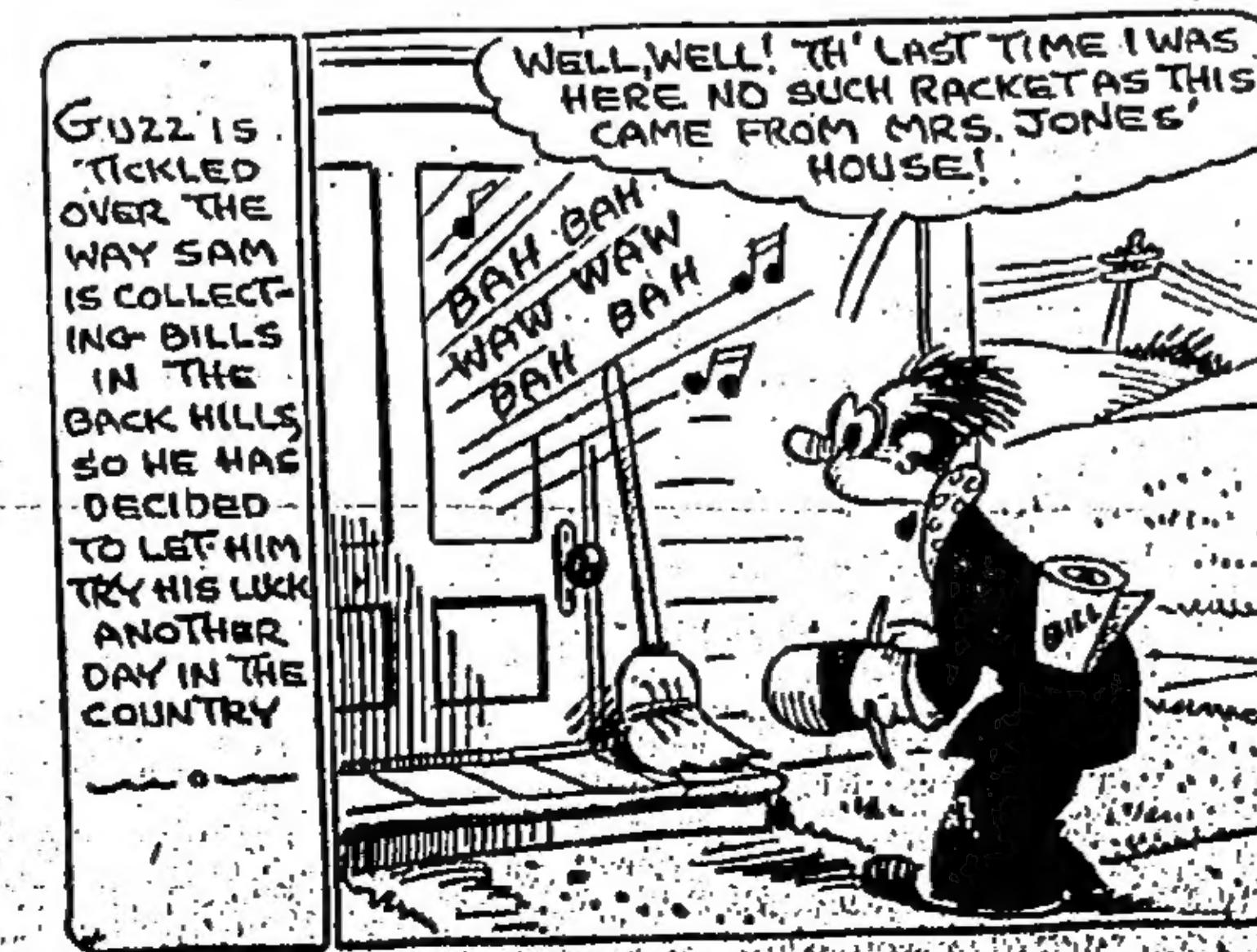
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ANNUAL PARADE OF POLICE.

GOVERNOR CONGRATULATES LOCAL FORCE.

Over 250 officers and men of the Hongkong Police Force mustered within the compound of the Central Police Station yesterday afternoon for the annual inspection by His Excellency the Governor, Sir William Peel.

Those on parade were 60 Europeans, 60 Indians, 60 Cantonese, 50 Northerners, 24 Indian Anti-Piracy Guards, and 17 Russian Guards—the last-named being the latest unit to be added to the Force. The Force was under the command of the Inspector-General of Police (Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G.), other high police officials on parade being Mr. T. H. King (Director of Criminal Intelligence), Mr. P. P. J. Wodehouse, C.I.E., Mr. D. Burleigh (Divisional Superintendents), Mr. W. R. Scott, Mr. Nawab Khan and Mr. Mohinder Singh (Assistant Superintendents), and Chief Inspector P. Grant.

Force Congratulated.

His Excellency was accorded the general salute on arrival, accompanied by Captain T. A. H. Collman, A.D.C. After the inspection, the Force was drawn up on three sides of a hollow square, before His Excellency the Governor, who, after distributing medals and certificates, addressed the men as follows:

Officers and men of the Hongkong Police Force—it has given me great pleasure to make this inspection this afternoon, and I congratulate you on the smartness and efficiency of the turnout. I also congratulate all those to whom I have just distributed medals and certificates and who have been recommended to me for special commendation. I trust their success will be an incentive to other members of the Corps to achieve a like success.

Good Record.

I should like to take this opportunity of thanking the Corps for the very excellent work which they have done during the past year. I have been specially impressed with the work of the Criminal Investigation Department. That Department has a very difficult task to perform. No doubt the work is very interesting, but it is often fraught with danger, and I think it holds a wonderfully good record. At the same time, good work in the other branches is essential to the success of the whole machine, and it is very desirable that each man in his own branch and place should do his best. No doubt, work like that of the Traffic Department may seem at times somewhat monotonous and mechanical, but there is no doubt that it is just as essential for the welfare and safety of the Citizens of the Colony. I rather hesitate to mention the efforts of the other branches, except to repeat what I have said, that it is necessary for all of you to do your own part and no continue to make this Corps a success. I must say, as Head of the Government I appreciate very much the good work done by you all during the past year, and I feel confident that you will all put your heart into maintaining that high standard which you have already reached.

Emergency Unit's Work.

There followed a demonstration of the work of the Emergency Unit which was of great interest to visitors. It showed this unit being rushed in police wagons to the scene of a supposed riot, and the manner of their breaking up a street riot and taking control of the situation. In other duties of a more routine nature, the Unit was shown performing a search of suspects in the street while taking precautions against sudden criminal gun-play such as were suggested by recent local cases.

All the evolutions were performed with a precision which greatly impressed, and reflected credit on their training and the efforts of the drill officer, Sergeant Hunt.

Following is a list of the recipients of medals and certificates:

3rd. Class Medal.
P.S.C. 345 Shek Tui, for zealous and diligent work in the C.I.D.

4th. Class Medal.

Insp. C. F. Alexander, for exceptionally good work while in charge of the Traffic Department during the past five years.

Insp. J. Murphy, for an excellent record of work during 18 years service and for exceptional ability and zeal during 1930 when he was attached to the S.C.A.

L.S.C. 608 Lo Ki, for excellent work in the C.I.D.

P.S.C. 32 Cheng Pak, for long and faithful service.

P.S.C. 136 Chui Yung, for long and faithful service.

P.S.C. 261 Kwong Po, for long and faithful service.

Class II. Eng. 9 Kwok Tsun, for long and faithful service.

Class II. Eng. 57 So Shing-shun, for long and faithful service.

Commendation.

Insp. A. N. Reynolds, Commanded by H.E. the Governor—for his excellent handling of Police Investigations in connexion with a case of attempted arson which occurred at No. 77 Wing Lok Street on 19.10.30, and which subsequently resulted in the conviction and sentence of two defendants in the Supreme Court on Jan. 8, 1931, to three years' hard labour and two years' hard labour respectively.

A.S.I.B. Thorpe, Commanded by H.E. the Governor—for excellent and painstaking work while in charge of the Hawkers' Sub-Department.

L.S.C. 558 Chan Pui, Commanded by H.E. the Governor—for zealous work as a Detective Officer in Yau Ma Tei District during the past two years.

P.C.C. 995 Lau Tang, Commanded by H.E. the Governor—for alertness and vigilance on duty on the occasion of a case of attempted arson which occurred at No. 77 Wing Lok Street, on Oct. 19, 1930, in which he effected the arrest of a man which subsequently led to the conviction and sentence of two others in the Supreme Court on Jan. 8, 1931, to three years' hard labour and two years' hard labour respectively.

2nd. Class D.W. Medals.

Detective District Watchman 119 Yuen Mui-chuen, for good work during 1930. He joined the District Watchmen Force in 1926 and was awarded a 3rd. Class Medal in 1929. On April 16, 1930, he was commanded by Mr. Lindsell, Police Magistrate, for the smart arrest of a pick-pocket.

3rd. Class D.W. Medals.

Det. D.W. 101 Fok On, for good work during the year 1930, while engaged in confidential enquiries at the S.C.A.

D. W. 43 Wan Ming, for the arrest of a robber at Tsung Sau Lane on April 25, 1930. The District Watchman saw the robber running away from the scene of the crime, chased and arrested him. The robber tried to deceive the district watchman by stating that he (the robber) was chasing two men who were running ahead of him. At the June Criminal Sessions prisoner was sentenced to three years' hard labour.

Bellboy Medals.

L.S.B. 107 Lai Singh, awarded the Bellboy Medal, Bronze and the reward of \$6 for jumping off Blake Pier and saving the life of Chan Fu who had attempted to commit suicide.

To Kam-wing, Stoker on board the Shamshui-poo ferry launch Man Tat, awarded the Bronze Medal and \$5 for rescuing from drowning two girls who attempted to commit suicide by jumping overboard from the launch Man Tat on March 2.

Life Saving Certificate

and Medallion.

L.S.A. 197 Hunter, L.S.A. 69 Simpson, L.S.A. 10 Coleman and L.S.A. 19 Hill.

Award of Merit.

L.S.A. 23 Brand and L.S.A. 154 Harris.

The Hon. Mr. A. E. Wood, Secretary for Chinese Affairs, was pre-

YESTERDAY'S LAND SALE AT P.W.D.

FIVE LOTS OF CROWN LANDS DISPOSED.

Five lots of Crown Land were disposed of at the public land sale, held at the P.W.D. yesterday afternoon. New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1477, situated at the junction of Fuk Wing and Wong Chuk Streets, covering an area of 13,824 square feet, with an upset price of \$27,648, was sold to Messrs. Wong Wan-shan and Yau Bing-kwong, at \$38,200.

New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1478, at the junction of Tai Po Road and Kwai-nan Street, covering an area of 8,628 square feet, with an upset price of \$17,256, was sold to Mr. Ip Duen for \$23,200.

New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1479, adjoining New Kowloon Inland Lot 1480, in Tai Po, consisting of about 9,200 square feet, with an upset price of \$20,000, was sold to Mr. Ip Duen for \$23,200.

New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1480, situated at the junction of Tai Po Road and Tang Heuan, in Yik Yam Street, Wong Nei Chung, consisting of about 2,200 square feet, with an upset price of \$11,000, was knocked down to Mr. Lo Kang-yu, at \$12,000. Brisk bidding marked all the sales.

HEAVY OPIUM FINE IMPOSED.

CHINESE ORDERED TO PAY \$47,000 OR ONE YEAR.

On being convicted of a charge of possession of 396 taels of prepared opium, a Chinese, who appeared before Mr. Schofield at the Central Police Court yesterday afternoon, was fined \$47,000 with the alternative of one year's hard labour.

The defendant was represented by Mr. F.C.E. Rendall.

The evidence for the prosecution showed that the defendant was arrested in Connaught Road in the act of engaging two coolies to carry a barrel which was subsequently found to contain opium.

The defendant denied ownership of the barrel which he claimed was given to him to carry, he being a cargo coolie.

His Worship, after hearing the evidence, rejected the defendant's story and registered a conviction.

sent, other spectators being Mr. Somerset Fitzroy (the Public Prosecutor), the Hon. Mr. S. W. Tao, and the following members of the District Watchmen's Committee: Messrs. Li Yau-tsun, Li Po-kwai, Tang Yat-chuen, Lo Cheung-shiu and Li Yik-mui.

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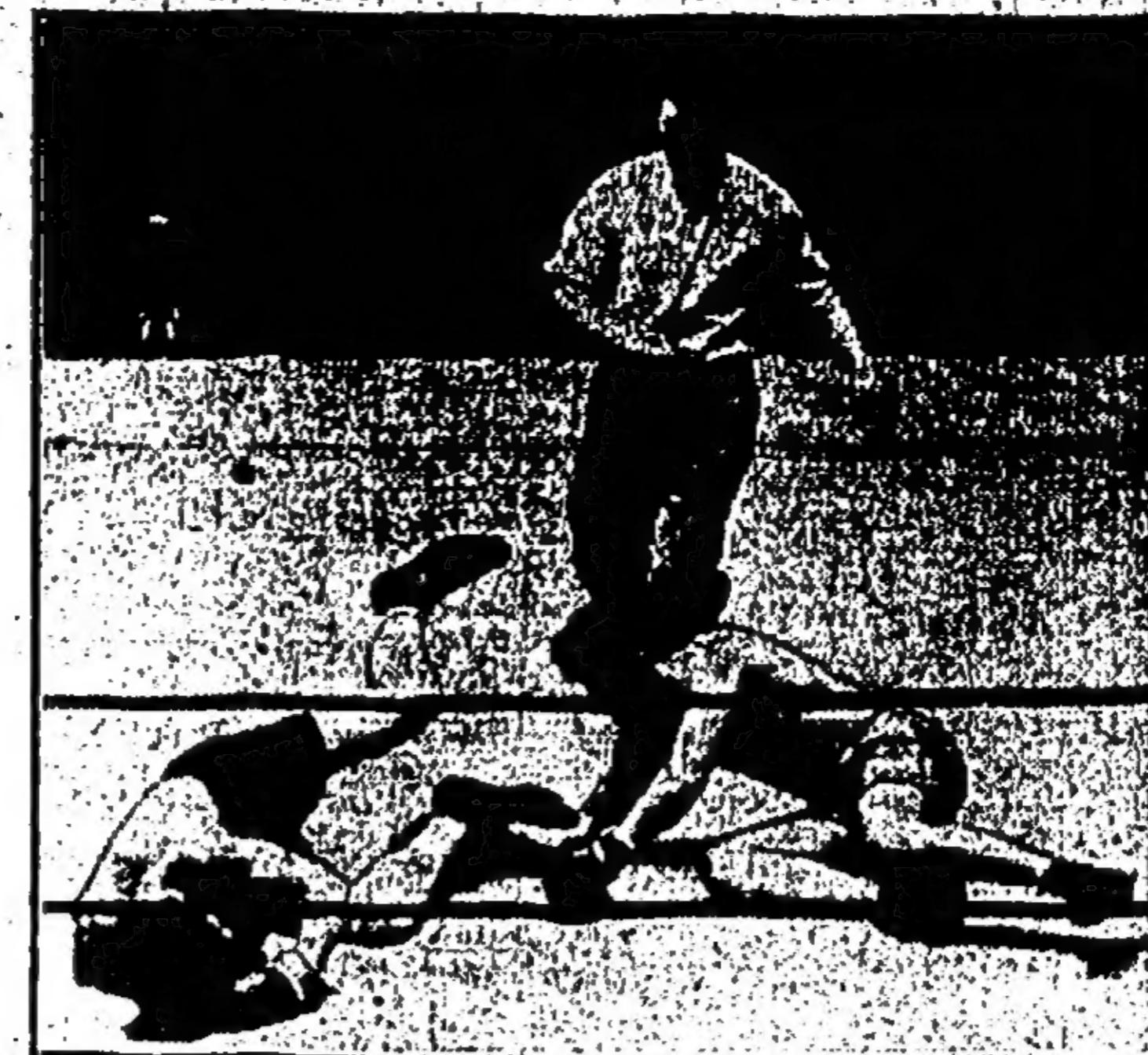
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Willard Weis (right) and Barney Smith both on the floor after the former had been carried over by the force of his punch to Smith's jaw.



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Amelia Earhart, the first woman aviator to fly the Atlantic, is shown above with her publisher bridegroom, Mr. George Palmer Putnam.



The above picture was taken on the occasion of the dinner given by the Shanghai Volunteer Corps recently in honour of their retiring commanding officer, Brig Gen. H. B. Orpen Palmer, who left Shanghai a few days later.



The Beth Israel Hospital at New York have adopted precautionary measures against the mixing-up of infants. Each new-born baby has its initials stencilled upon the body by ultra-violet ray.

Charlie Chaplin, snapped in London recently, who has been invested as a Chevalier of the Legion of Honour.

Mrs. Victor Bruce is shown above on landing in England after completing a trip round the world. She flew her biplane alone from London to Tokyo, after many difficulties, travelled across America the same way, and took a steamship passage over the Atlantic.

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Notice of Removal.

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HONGKONG.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

The Second Extra Race Meeting will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on Saturday, 4th April, and on Monday, 6th April, 1931, commencing at 12.30 p.m. on both days.

The first bell will be rung at 12 o'clock noon.

There will be an interval for Tiffin after the 2nd Race on both days.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS.

Members are notified that they and their ladies must wear their badges prominently displayed.

No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5. per day for Gentlemen and \$3. per day for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the Secretary upon introduction by a member, such member to be responsible for payment of all costs, &c.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will not be on sale at the Race Course.

Members can obtain upon application to the Secretary badges (limited to ONE) for the free admission to the Members' Enclosure of wives, lady relatives and friends. Names must be stated when applying.

On no pretext will children be permitted in either Enclosure during the Meeting.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2. per day including tax, for all persons including Ladies and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted half price.

Bookmakers, Tie Tac Men, &c. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Tiffin will be served in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure during the tiffin interval.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 28th March, 1931.

BANK HOLIDAYS.

In accordance with Government Ordinance, the Exchange Banks will be closed for the transaction of Public Business on Friday, Saturday and Monday, the 3rd, 4th and 6th April, (Easter Holidays), Hongkong, 27th March, 1931.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Twenty Sixth Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Company, Limited, on Tuesday, the 31st March, 1931, at 3 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1930.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Wednesday, the 8th day of April, 1931, until Wednesday, the 15th day of April, 1931, both days inclusive.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
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Hongkong, 23rd March, 1931.

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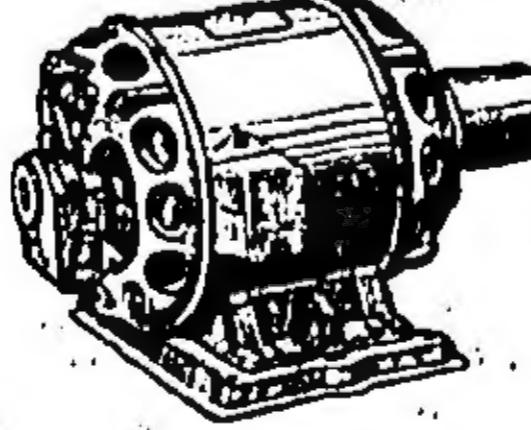
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RUBBER PROBLEM.

DUTCH COMMITTEE REGrets
PUBLICITY.

Amsterdam, Mar. 30.

Four out of five members of the Dutch Rubber Committee have issued a statement pointing out that while the Committee was empowered to do everything it could in the interests of producers this did not imply that the Committee had a full power-of-attorney, and that the final decision rests with the producers themselves.

The statement says that it was in the interests of the market and producers that premature and unfounded reports of the negotiations should not appear in the press, and the majority of the Committee regret the action of the opponents of restriction as inopportune, because those in the rubber industry were being misled.

All rumours regarding the Committee's activities are premature. The statement concludes by pointing out that the Committee is continuing its activities, in co-operation with the foreign parties interested, with unabated zeal.—Reuter.

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From Per Date and Time
Shanghai and Swatow Shantung April 1.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver, B. C. 14th March.) Empa. of Asia April 1.
Amoy Sonthia April 2.
Japan and Shanghai Fushimi Maru April 3.
Europe via Nagapatam, (letters and papers, London 5th March) Hakusan Maru April 3.
Manila Pres. Taft April 4.
Java Tjibodas April 4.
Australia and Manila Nollor April 4.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco 6th March) Pres. McKinley April 6.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco 13th March) Pres. Polk April 6.
OUTWARD MAiLS.

Per Date and Time
Sam Shui and Wuchow Kongos Tues. Mar. 31, 4 p.m.
Hohow and Pakhoi Tchekam Tues. Mar. 31, 5 p.m.
Swatow and Amoy Cremer Tues., Mar. 31, 5 p.m.
Manila, Rabaul, Australia and New Zealand via Brisbane St. Albans Wed., Apr. 1.
Parcels 31st Mar. 5 p.m.
Registration 31st Mar. 5 p.m.
Letters 1st Apr. 9 a.m.
(Due Brisbane 18th April)

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Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and Europe via Vancouver, B. C. and Europe via Siberia

Empa. of Japan Wed., Apr. 1.
Parcels March 31, 5 p.m.
Registration April 1, 9.15 a.m.
Letters 10 a.m.
(Due Vancouver B. C. 17th Apr.)

Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu and San Francisco and Europe via Siberia

Asama Maru Wed., Apr. 1.
Registration Mar. 31, 5 p.m.
Letters Apr. 1, 8.30 a.m.
(Due San Francisco 22nd April)

Straits, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles

Autogyan Wed., Apr. 1.
Registration 8.45 a.m.
Letters 9.30 a.m.
(Due Marseilles 2nd May)

*Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East Africa via Mombasa and South Africa via Lourenco Marques

Canada Maru Wed., Apr. 1, 9.30 a.m.
Tsinan Wed., Apr. 1, 9.30 p.m.
Chenan Wed., Apr. 1, 3.30 p.m.
Chung Kong Wed., Apr. 1, 5 p.m.
Monaco Maru Thurs., Apr. 2, 8.30 a.m.
Hydrangea Thurs., Apr. 2, 3 p.m.
Franconia Thurs., Apr. 2, 3.30 p.m.
Empa. of Asia

Amoy Thurs., Apr. 2, 3.30 p.m.
Tjinegara Thurs., Apr. 2, 4 p.m.
Huihchow Fri., Apr. 3, 9 a.m.
Haiyang Fri., Apr. 3, 9 a.m.
Hakusan Maru Fri., Apr. 3, 9 a.m.
Santhia Sat., Apr. 4.
Parcels 4th 9 a.m.
Letters 4th 9 a.m.

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles

Fushimi Maru Sat., Apr. 4.
Registration 8 a.m.
Letters 9 a.m.

G. P. O.

Registration 8.45 a.m.
Letters 9.30 a.m.
(Due Marseilles 3rd May)

Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and Europe via Victoria, B. C. and Europe via Siberia

Pres. Taft Sat., Apr. 4.
Parcels 11 a.m.
Registration 12.15 p.m.
Letters 1.00 p.m.
(Due Victoria, B. C. 21st Apr.)

Swatow, Amoy and Formosa

Hoksan Maru Sun., Apr. 5, 9 a.m.
Kut Sang Tues., Apr. 7, noon.

Parcels 1 p.m.
Letters 1 p.m.

Haiching Tues., Apr. 7, 1.00 p.m.
Huanggang Tues., Apr. 7, 5 p.m.
Mausang Wed., Apr. 8, 10.30 a.m.

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Owing to congestion in the

Members' Enclosure, the Free Passes to Ladies will be restricted to One per Member as from the commencement of the Club's financial year, 1st April, 1931.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 28th March, 1931.

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MACAO WEEK BY WEEK.

NEW GOVERNOR EXPECTED SHORTLY.

Macao, Mar. 29.

The impending arrival of His Excellency Commander Mata Oliviera, Governor of Macao, has looked forward to by the people of the Colony. His previous experiences of affairs at Macao will be invaluable aid to him in his new office, and he has the best wishes of the residents of Macao that his term of administration may be a prosperous and brilliant one. Senator Tamagnini Barbosa, his predecessor in office, left the Colony with a splendid record of work and service done in the interests of Portugal, and it is to be hoped that Commander Oliviera will be no less successful in the office that he has taken up.

Cinema-goers here have been given the opportunity of attending a talkies performance, with the installation of equipment in the Victoria Cinematograph, which has been adapted for the purpose, as it is made-shift until the new Carlton Theatre is built.

In the Capitol Theatre, which is expected to open its doors in a week or two, cinema patrons will be afforded an even better opportunity, for the new theatre has been specially constructed for the installation of sound pictures, and the building is particularly well provided with all the latest conveniences for a modern cinema-theatre.

Among recent visitors to Macao was Vice-Admiral Herr, Commander-in-Chief of the French Naval Squadron in the Far East, who made a visit to Macao in the French gunboat Argus on Friday, March 20, to pay an official call on H. E. Dr. J. Magalhães, Officer Administering the Government. He was received with the usual honours and left for Hongkong again on the same day.

A few days ago, two Japanese fishing trawlers from the Gulf of Tonkin paid a visit to Macao with a full cargo of fresh fish for sale in Macao. The catch was sold readily and the trawlers left on the following day for further fishing.

The story of Mr. Brophy's ill-fated attempt to reach the Philippines from Macao, on the last leg of his flight from Shanghai to Manila, is one that has shot a pang of sorrow into the hearts of all those who knew this quiet, unassuming young airman. All hopes of his recovery seem to have gone, but his gallant endeavour to reach his destination, after weeks of disappointment and ill luck, will go down in the annals of the Colony as a pioneering effort that will usher in a permanent service by air between Macao and elsewhere in the Far East mainly as a result of the work that he began. No stone was left unturned at Macao to trace Mr. Brophy after it became apparent that he had failed to get to Manila, and in addition to messages from the wireless station at Macao, Commander Cabral, with Lt. Abreu, as his observer, made several flights over the course taken by the gallant airman, and scoured the country-side for many miles to the south of Macao, in the not impossible event of his having turned back and been driven out of his course and being forced to make a landing at some isolated spot down the coast. All efforts seemed to be vain, however, and at last very reluctantly the search was given up.

But the Great Public likes to laugh, and that is only one "reason" why "Al's Button," which comes to the Central Theatre to-day should cause a furore.

It will be remembered that this entertaining story, which W. A. Darlington wrote, was first produced as a silent film, in which Leslie Henson starred, and later in a stage play which ran for a whole year in London. Tubby Edlin was the star of

CINEMA NOTES.

DAINTY DANCES IN "GOLD DIGGERS."

Ann Pennington, Broadway's dancing darling, and that she has been dancing all her life.

The diminutive steppin' who makes her talking picture debut in a feature of "Gold Diggers of Broadway," Warner Bros. and Vitaphone's 100% natural colour, singing, talking, dancing picture in technicolour, which is now at the Queen's Theatre, has been on the professional stage ever since she was twelve years old. Several years before that she was an ardent student of her chosen art.

Born in Camden, New Jersey, on December 23, Ann received most of her education at the Cooper School there and later completed her schooling under private tutors.

Her first engagement was as one of the Shelleys Trio, a group of three little girls, dancing in vaudeville in Philadelphia. Her unusual talent, which quickly fell in step with the modern tempo, soon brought Ann to prominence and stardom in musical comedy. Her stage revues include Ziegfeld's, several George White's "Scandals," "Jack and Jill" and others.

When Ann was the star of the 1919 "Scandals," Nancy Welford was her understudy. This same situation occurs in the story of "Gold Diggers of Broadway," in which their roles are identical with that of their first meeting in real life.

Motion pictures soon attracted the attention of Miss Pennington and she starred in "The Little Boy Scout," "Antics of Ann," "The Rainbow Princess," "Lucky Horse-Show," "Madame Behave" and "The Golden Strain."

Miss Pennington's role in "Gold Diggers of Broadway," which Roy Del Ruth directed, is that of a stage dancing star of this "show within a show." Her exuberant dancing is one of the outstanding features of the film. Miss Pennington is four feet eleven and one-half inches tall, weighs one hundred and six pounds and has dark brown eyes and long brown hair.

"Say It With Songs."

Al Jolson's new picture, "Say It With Songs," Warner Bros. latest all-talking, all-singing Vitaphone special coming to the Queen's Theatre on Sunday, is the story of a man who, by trick of fate, loses loved ones, liberty and opportunity, suffers imprisonment and finds peace through his devotion to a child—and the child is played by Davey Lee.

"Say It With Songs" is an all-talking Vitaphone picture, and Mr. Johnson sings a number of exceptional new songs and several unforgettable old ones.

The story concerns Joe Lane, a humpy-go-lucky and improvident but gifted young plougher, who, just on the verge of success, in a recording and broadcasting artist, fights and accidentally kills his employer when he learns of the latter's unwelcome attentions to his wife. For this Joe goes to prison, leaving his wife to shift for herself and their child.

Believing that she has never been happy with him and realizing how his present punishment will punish her after, Joe forces her to divorce him and she later considers marriage with a former admirer, now a famous surgeon. The child is put into a home and being unhappy there, follows his father, who has come to visit him, and is injured by a truck. Only a specialist can help the child and Joe takes him to his former wife's suitor for help. All ends happily and everybody leaves the theatre in a glow of satisfaction. Others in the cast are Marian Nixon, Helen Hartnett, Kenneth Thompson and Fred Kohler.

The story is by Darryl Francis Zanuck and Harvey Gates.

The talking scenario is by Joseph Jackson and Lloyd Bacon, directed.

Jolson's songs include "Little Pal," "Why Can't You," "Used to You," "I'm in Seventh Heaven," "I'm Karazy For You," "One Sweet Kiss," and "Back in Your Own Back Yard."

"Al's Button."

The advent of the talkies has robbed the patrons of the cinema of the comedy film. It has been found that the slapstick type of comedy cannot be suitably wedded to dialogue, and, as a result, talkies have confined themselves with very few exceptions to stage spectacles and strongly dramatic subjects.

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LOCAL RADIO.

VIOLIN RECITAL FROM THE STUDIO.

To-day's radio programme to be broadcast by Z. B. W. on a wavelength of 355 metres:

6.00-8.00 p.m. European Programme of H. M. V. and Victor Records kindly supplied by Messrs. Mortimer and Co.

5.00-5.30 p.m. Orchestral.

La Vida Breve (Do Falta), L'Amour Sorcier (Love the Magician) (Do Falta).

Symphony Orchestra, D1453.

Nell Gwyn Dances (German).

New Symphony Orchestra, B2087.

Shepherd's Hey (Grainger).

Royal Opera Orchestra Covent Garden, B2541.

Count of Luxembourg (Lehar).

Merry Widow (Lehar).

International Concert Orchestra, C1392.

5.30-6.05 p.m.

Götterdämmerung (end of Act 3).

Played by the Berlin State Opera Orchestra and the London Symphony Orchestra, Nos. 9406, 9407, 9408, and 9409.

These records complete the suite which was kindly loaned by a listener.

6.05-6.55 p.m. Concert Items.

Phala Solo-Gavotte in F Major (Beethoven-Baur).

Harold Baur, 6502.

Song-Daughter Of The Regiment (Donzetti).

Lucia di Lammermoor-Silence O'er All (Donzetti).

Toti D'Amico (Soprano), 6613.

Song-The Floral Dance (Moss).

Song-The Little Player (Ahltsen).

Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone), C1302.

Instrumental Trio-Mirage (Contes).

Instrumental Trio-I Zingari (Lemarecavalo).

De Groot (Violin), David, Bor (Piano), Calve (Cello), B3028.

Song-Robin Adair (Keppel).

Song-The Last Rose Of Summer (Moore).

Francis Alde (Soprano), 1188.

Song-Absent (Metelli).

Song-The Thrush At Eve (Cadamian).

Derek Oldham (Tenor), B2060.

Organ Solo-Forever (Ager).

Organ Solo-In The Heart Of The Sunset (Nicholls).

Reginald Foort, B3044.

7.00 p.m. Stock Quotations.

Concerto In A Minor (Greig).

Arthur De Greef and The Royal Albert Hall Orch. Conducted by Sir Landon Ronald, 9151, 9152.

7.30-8.00 p.m. From The Studio.

Violin Recital of selected pieces by Michael Wexler the famous Russian Violinist, accompanied by Mr. Harry Orme.

8.00-11.30 p.m. Ko Shing Theatre Relay.

9.00 p.m. Weather Report, Local Time etc.

11.30 p.m. Close Down.

As from Wednesday, April 1, the Weather Report and Local Time will be announced at 1 p.m. and 8 p.m. instead of 1.30 p.m. and 9 p.m. as at present.

Starting from April the European evening programmes on Tuesdays and Thursdays will commence at 6 p.m. instead of 5 p.m.

the stage production and his services were "requisitioned" for the talkies.

A galaxy of star players fill the other roles, including Alf Goddard, Nora Swinburne, Polly Ward, Peter Iddon, Huberton Wright, Cyril McLaglen and Annie Esmond. Nervo and Knox give a diverting burlesque act, and Anton Dolin and Anna Luddilla, England's premier dancers, perform in the "Scheherazade" ballet.

The King's Theatre.

Outstanding feature of the new King's Theatre is the remarkably mellow and distinct tone given by the talking picture apparatus. A private screening of "Monte Carlo" was given this morning. Both talking and singing and music is reproduced perfectly by the new equipment, the volume of sound is well regulated, and the ear is able to catch every word.

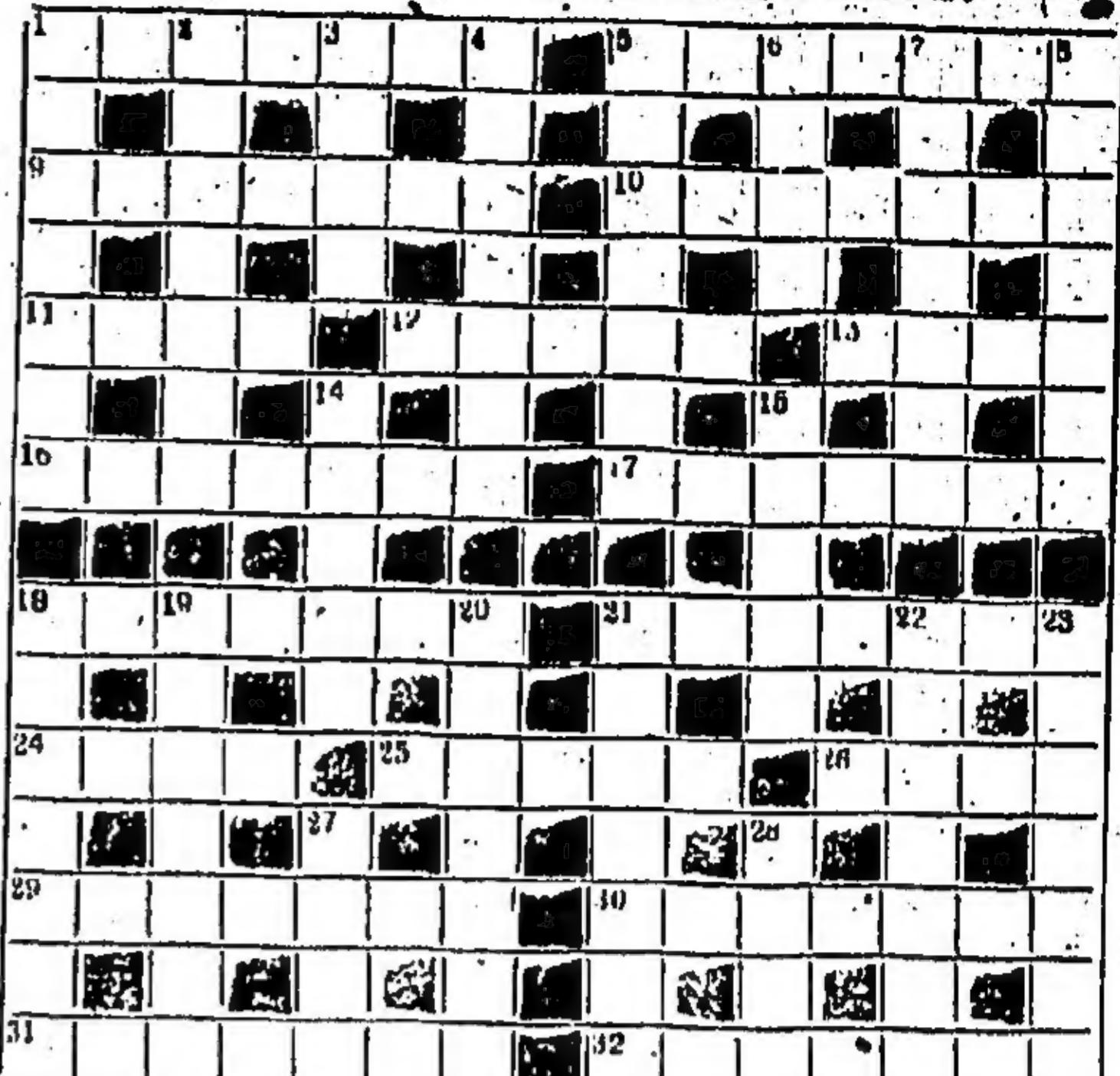
Circle seats of the new theatre satisfy every comfort. With spring plush seats and backs, they provide ample leg-room, and every seat gives practically a straight view of the screen.

The projection screen itself is bigger than ordinary, and can be given a blue tint.

"Monte Carlo" is a first class musical romance, something after the style of "The Love Parade." Its humour is refreshing and rather subtle, the singing excellent, and the story most entertaining. Jack Buchanan does not lose his magnetic personality on the screen and Jeanette MacDonald has quite a lot to do. Most of the humour is provided by Zazu Pitts and Claude Allister, who spring a surprise with a very pleasant singing voice.

It often happened, he said, that good scholars or good technical ex-

OUR BRITISH CROSSWORDS.



Across:

5 Brogues, for example—you may lose the right.
6 Both in Latin.
7 What the gardener did to the carrots and turnips when they were about two inches high.
8 A suite.
14 A period of sleeplessness.
15 Give its heart and you may this.
18 Begin with a question and go on to look sideways.
19 They are now in San Paulo.
20 This sounds like advice which no Cretan could avoid taking, conceal it how you will.
21 Not your partner's ace, of course, or you'll be blown up. This is blown down as a rule.
22 Look for this at the bottom of page 14—to fix in the mind.
23 Spite that sounds very unlike an officer.
27 Volcano.
28 When you take this crop up you find that it is a hog—though French.

Yesterday's Solution:



The diagram shows how a youngster took eight pieces of wood that had formed two squares, and moved them around until they formed three squares, all of the same size.

parts were not very effective when before the Interview Board.

"I would always," he added, "have a woman on the board, even though a woman is not being judged. A woman's point of view of man is always worth having." (Laughter).

Standard Set by Men.

The Duchess of Atholl: Is it possible to indicate how a woman shows up in the interviews, as compared with men?

Sir Stanley: We find it comparatively easy to put men and women in an order of merit separately, but I have never yet been able to decide what kind of woman is equal to what kind of man. (Laughter).

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The Hongkong Telegraph.

TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 1931.

ONE SPLIT HEALED.

Not for the first time within the past twelve months have Mr. Baldwin and Lord Beaverbrook become reconciled. It will be interesting to see how long the concord persists. Just a year ago, the Conservative leader delivered a speech which was hailed by Lord Beaverbrook as being in accord with the ideals of the United Empire Party which had shortly before been brought into existence. It is true that in that speech Mr. Baldwin did not come out definitely for the taxation of foodstuffs. Instead, he suggested that if and when the Conservatives came into power, they should consult with the Dominions, and, if satisfactory agreement could be reached, the country should be given a chance, by means of a referendum, of intimating whether or not it favoured the taxation of foreign foodstuffs. Mr. Baldwin took that stand, not because he did not believe in Protection, for he and his Party always have, but, to use his own words, because he was unwilling to ask the people to give a vote on food taxes until they knew exactly what was involved and what they were going to get in exchange. Despite the somewhat indefinite nature of the Baldwin declaration, however, Lord Beaverbrook appeared to be satisfied. On the other hand, Lord Rothermore, who had been associated with the other Press Baron, refused to accept the statement of policy, asserting that there were other objects, including the Indian issue, which necessitated the continuance of the campaign against the official policy of the Conservatives.

Time went on, and then it suddenly appeared that Lord Beaverbrook regretted his hasty endorsement of the Baldwin declaration, especially the referendum device. Thence onwards, the breach widened, until, as we know, open war was again declared. In one byelection, an Empire Crusader split the Conservative vote, but in another, the Independent Conservative sponsored by the Press Baron lost in a straight fight with the Baldwin nominee. One might have thought that after the triumph of the official Conservative candidate at St. George's, Westminster, Mr. Baldwin would be in no mood to make concessions to the Beaverbrook faction, but it is now disclosed that he has done so. The probability is that Conservative headquarters weighed the pros and cons and came to the conclusion that there was more hope for the Party

if it secured the backing of the Beaverbrook organs than if it continued to be exposed to its onslaughts. At any rate, the Conservatives have now definitely dropped the referendum idea—a foolish and clumsy method of settling the main issue—and have now definitely endorsed the taxation of food. So far as we can judge from the cabled summary, Lord Beaverbrook does not appear to have deviated greatly from the policy which he has always espoused, though it is possible that he has made small concessions on some points. It still remains to be seen, however, how the Rothermore organs will react to the "settlement."

Looking at the matter from the general standpoint, it is infinitely better that the Conservatives should come out, as they have done, for an unambiguous policy than for one which was subject to so many "ifs" and "buts." We have always held the view that if the Conservatives sincerely believe in tariffs, even if food taxation is involved, they have an infinitely better prospect of converting the electorate to their viewpoint by coming out strongly on the issue than by following a timorous line of action. The average voter likes to know precisely for what he is voting. At the moment, therefore, the people know where they are on this fiscal question. In the one camp they have the Conservatives; in the other, both Liberals and Labour. It looks now as if the next General Election must be fought on this food-tax issue. We shall be surprised if the traditional attitude of the electorate is reversed when the test takes place.

Anonymous Books.

A French house recently announced that hereafter it will publish all of its books anonymously. Authors, the announcement said, get altogether too fond of advertising themselves and fail to devote enough attention to their writing. A writer gets a reputation and then rests on his oars, letting the impetus of his former books carry him now ones along, and spending a good share of his time in seeing to it that his name gets into the newspapers and magazines. It will be interesting to see how the authors react to this scheme. In pure theory it should make no difference at all. A writer is supposed to write because of an imperative inner compulsion. He is supposed to be thinking of fame very little and of money hardly at all; he writes because there is something in him that demands expression. Theory, unfortunately, does not always square with the facts. There may be a few writers who fall in this category, but they are a tiny minority. The average writer, quite naturally, wants fame and adulation. If he turns out a good book he would like to get the credit for it. Furthermore, authors have to eat; and many a first-rate book came into existence in part, at least because its writer needed to bolster up a fading bank account. Even more interesting will be the reaction of the readers. Most of us, probably, buy books for the authors. If a book by an unknown appears we wait and find out what other people are saying about it before we take a chance on it. What would we do if the author's name were withheld? However, there is little chance that other publishers will adopt this system. But it would be illuminating to see what would happen if they did.

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DAY BY DAY

ENGRAINED IN THE HUMAN
HEART IS THE DESIRE TO BELIEVE
THAT SOME PEOPLE REALLY DO
KNOW WHAT THEY SAY THEY KNOW,
AND CAN SAVE THEM FROM THE
TROUBLE OF THINKING FOR THEM-
SELVES.—Samuel Butler.

Two cases each of small-pox and
diphtheria and one of typhoid were
notified yesterday. All were Chinese.

It is announced that the offices of
the Peruvian Consulate General have
been removed to 18 C. Macdonell
Road.

The Hongkong Football Association
advertise that as from to-morrow
their office will be removed to No. 20,
Ice House Street, 2nd floor.

The U.S.S. Houston, the new flag-
ship of the American Asiatic Fleet,
left harbour yesterday at about
1 p.m. for the North, after a stay
here of five days.

For having stowed away on the s.s.
Cremer, which arrived in Hongkong
from Singapore, Li Kong was sen-
tenced to six weeks' imprisonment by
Mr. Hamilton, at Kowloon, this
morning.

Weary of life, Ho Wal-fee (21), an
inmate of a licensed public house at
178, Temple Street, yesterday swallow-
ed a dose of opium, dying from the
effects later, being admitted to the
Kwong Wah Hospital.

Several lorry drivers were fined by
Mr. Schofield at the Central Police
Court this morning for carrying
excessive loads. Impositions ranging
from \$3 to \$7 were inflicted, the fines
varying according to the weight of the
excess.

Suffering from the effects of eating
toasted fondue in the mistaken belief that
they were edible fungi, two women
peasant, living at Choy Tung, Cheung
Yuen village, in the Kowloon City
district, were yesterday admitted into
the Kwong Wah Hospital.

Convicted on a charge of larceny
by bailees of a bicycle, the property of
the Kwok Man bicycle shop, 550,
Shanghaui Street, Chun Kun was fined
\$50, or in default one month's im-
prisonment, by Mr. Hamilton, at
Kowloon this morning. A second
man, Lam Shing, charged with receiving
the first defendant's hired bicycle
on March 21 and never returning it.
The second defendant was seen riding
the machine yesterday and was arrested.
He gave information which led to the
apprehension of the first defendant.

**MISSING SANITARY
FOREMAN.**

**LEAVES LETTER THREATEN-
ING SUICIDE.**

A Sanitary Department fore-
man, named Fung Lee, has dis-
appeared, leaving behind a letter in
which he declared his intention of
committing suicide.

Fung Lee was to have returned to
work early yesterday morning, but a search of his quarters at the
Blind Home at Mataukok failed to
discover any signs of him. Eventually
a note was found left behind in his room, which read:
"I am going to the foot of Sung
Wong Toi to commit suicide."

Sung Wong Toi is the famous
rock at Kowloon City where the
last Emperor of the Sung Dynasty
many hundreds of years ago is
supposed to have taken refuge at
a period of internal strife.

A search-party led by Sanitary
Inspector Rovalce, in the vicinity
indicated, has met with no
success. A report has been made
to the police.

The change which has occurred
is, it seems to me, one in which
dinner itself is not the main
element. It is a demand made by

**FROM DINNER
TO DRAMA.**

By S. R. LITTLEWOOD.

"WHAT I want in a hus-
band," said the supposedly
neglected wife in Mr.
Titheradge's recent ill-
fated comedy, "is someone to
take me out to dinner and a play."

Only for a few nights, it is true,
did this matrimonial aphorism have
a chance of making its appeal from
the stage. "Frailties" ran for no
more than nine performances.

The phrase has none the less lingered
in my mind as expressive of
very large and important truth.
This is, in very fact, how hosts,
not only of "neglected" wives, but
of thoroughly cultivated husbands,
spinster, and bachelors; do regard
the theatre of our moment. It is
something to do after dinner—part
of the practice described by Ameri-
cans as "going places."

Only a few evenings afterwards
we had even more practical proof
in the pother over the production
of "Strange Interlude," the one
West End play since "Methuselah"
during to begin at a time which
precluded any prolonged rites of the
dinner-table before-hand. This
has so completely dislocated the at-
tendance's evening routine that an
hour's break has to be provided and
as a note on the programme re-
veals—the entire resources of the
neighbourhood called in to atone
for a missed meal before the really
big scenes come on.

This was not always so. Even
some surviving playgoers can re-
call the time when a five-hour per-
formance in a London theatre was
by no means exceptional. The cur-
tain rose at seven with, perhaps,
a short comedy. Then there would
be a comic opera or burlesque;
then a full-length drama—Shake-
spearean or otherwise—and a farce
to finish up with, not to mention
minor events between. If the en-
tertainment ended much before
midnight the audience—especially
the half-price people who came in
at nine o'clock—considered they
had had short shrift, and frequently
protested in the usual manner.

No one in those palmy days
seems to have worried as to when
or how dinner had been achieved.
A gross consideration! The im-
portant thing was the drama. The
food they sought was for the soul.

What can have happened to have
so sapped our spiritual vitality
that we cannot face the third or
fourth love affair of a distressed
heroine without fortifying the
physique with soles and cutlets,
savouries and iced peaches? Does
it mean that we of the modern au-
dience are just a bunch of weak-
lings, without the intellectual and
emotional stamina of our fore-
fathers? Does it mean that the
plays now produced are so much
more formidable than the classics
of an earlier day that they are not
to be approached fasting?

It is obvious that neither of
these things is so. Our generation
has proved its grit in other fields
than the theatre. The classics we
have always with us.

The change which has occurred
is, it seems to me, one in which
dinner itself is not the main
element. It is a demand made by

the women first.

It is remarkable that the Restora-
tions and faults of the Restora-
tions occurred largely in tribute to
the masked beauties of King Charles's
court. Time brings its re-
venge. Those of our restaura-
tions reflect to a remarkable ex-
tent the wishes of its irreproach-
able patrons.

By a kind of irony, both epochs
have been marked by the domina-
tion of the audience as against
playwright and actor. Our drama-
tists must please the women first
to rest any time. We have had
good actors since Irving; but a
great one—no! He would mono-
polise too much attention. On the
other hand, a row of shapely girls
flitting about not only affords a
harmless digestive but makes us
appreciate all the better the nobler
ideal at home. She who wants to
be "taken out to dinner and a play"
is she who must be obeyed.

SUGAR MARKET.

**THE LATEST CABLED
QUOTATIONS.**

The following cable at the close
of the sugar market yesterday has
been received by Messrs. Pentreath
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July 1931 1/1/ down 6d.

September 1931 1/4/ down 5d.

December 1931 1/1/ down 4d.



"My parents are old fashioned that way. They
think a girl needs to go swimming in a bathing suit."

ROYAL VISITORS IN HONGKONG.

KING & QUEEN OF SIAM ARRIVE.

GOING TO AMERICA.

The motorship *Selandia*, with their Majesties the King and Queen of Siam on board, travelling incognito, arrived in harbour this morning. Their Majesties are en route to America where the King is to undergo an operation for the removal of cataract from one of his eyes.

On arrival this morning, they were met by the Consul for Siam, Mr. J. T. Bagram, and later His Excellency Sir William Peel, accompanied by Capt. T. A. H. Coltham, A.D.C., went on board the *Selandia*. The party left the ship and their Majesties spent a portion of the morning in shopping, being later entertained at Government House. They leave by the Empress of Japan tomorrow.

Their Majesties will be the official guests of the Emperor and Empress of Japan at a state banquet to be held at Tokyo.

Arriving in Vancouver on April 17, the Royal party will immediately start across country by train to Washington, where the King and Queen will be introduced to President Hoover. Thence they are scheduled to go to Baltimore, where specialists will examine the King's eye, and finally travel to the Long Island estate of Mrs. Whitelaw Reid, where the operation will be performed and where the King will recuperate.

Under the present schedule the King and Queen are to spend about five months in the United States, starting back for Siam on or about September 12, probably aboard the liner *Empress of Canada*.

Accompanying the King and Queen will be Their Royal Highness Prince and Princess Sivasti, father and mother of the Queen. Prince Sivasti is also uncle of the King.

The Royal suite includes the King's physician. His Serene Highness Prince Thavaramongkholwong Jayant and his wife Mom Luang Ying Klong Jayant; His Majesty's private secretary. His Serene Highness Prince Vipulya Sivastivong Sivastivong; General Chao Phya Bijayendran Yodhin, chief A. D. C. General to the King; Phra Noraraj Chinnong, Mom (Mrs.) Rajiwong Smak Sman, Luang Sakdi Nai-wen, Nang (Miss) Sakdi Nai-wen and Luang Siri Sombatti. In America the Royal party will be joined by His Serene Highness Captain Prince Prasobh Chirapravati. His Majesty's aide-de-camp.

LOSS OF GOVERNMENT STATIONERY.

ONE MAN DISCHARGED IN COURT TO-DAY.

The hearing was resumed before Mr. Williams, at the Central Police Court this morning, of the case in which an office attendant of the Crown Lands Office of the Public Works Department is charged with theft of a quantity of Government stationery. Two stationers, one of Yaumati and the other of Hollywood Road, were also before his Worship on charges of receiving stolen property.

Mr. Horace Lo was for the Yaumati stationer and Mr. E. S. C. Brooks for the defendant from Hollywood Road.

After evidence of raids carried out at both stationers' shops had been given by police officers, his Worship discharged the third defendant, against whom there was only the evidence of some paper being found on his premises at Hollywood Road.

Mr. Lo's client went into the witness box and stated that he had bought the stationery from the first defendant in all good faith, having paid a reasonable price for the paper, which he was told had been purchased in an auction.

The hearing was again adjourned.

CRUELTY TO PIGS.

ANOTHER MASTER FINED FOR STOWAGE ERROR.

Capt. C. E. Le Chevalier, master of the French steamer *Song Bo*, appeared before the Hon. Commdr. G. T. Holo, R.N., at the Marine Court this morning to answer a summons against him for arriving in the Colony with pigs in crates, which were not stowed in accordance with the Livestock Import and Export Ordinance.

Mr. A. G. Cooke, of the Harbour Department, prosecuted.

On pleading guilty, Capt. Le Chevalier was fined the maximum penalty, i.e., \$100.

CHINA PROVIDENT CO. TURNS CORNER.

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your was made to effect imports into China on the basis of the old tariff.

Conditions in the flour trade were not better, for in the majority of cases merchants imported sparingly merely for the purpose of maintaining particular brands and makes in the market whilst awaiting an improvement in trade generally. As a consequence, the quantities handled during the year were considerably less than those for 1929.

In general cargo, imports were maintained at the level of the figures for 1929 and in certain specialized lines an increase has been recorded. Arrangements have been made for the storage of bonded cargoes in accordance with Government requirements and it is possible that further bonded storage space will have to be provided for during the current year to meet the demand which has increased largely of late.

Excessive Taxes.

Expenditure has been kept down to a minimum, but in regard to rates and taxes, which form a very important percentage of our working costs, your Board is of the opinion that the assessment now levied upon us is excessively high and might be equitably reduced, having in mind the services which some of our godowns do not enjoy to the same measure as other buildings charged at the same rate, in particular as to water.

Turning to the balance sheet, gentlemen, your Board is happy to place before you a statement which records a greatly improved position as regards its commitments. Liquidation of frozen loans has been carried to such a stage that your Board is of the opinion that the Company's affairs have at last turned the corner.

Under loans, after eliminating the transfer of \$190,719.82 to Property Account, representing the properties at Aberdeen and Mongkok, both of which are revenue-earning, the total liquidated is nearly \$210,000, and, of the balance outstanding under this head at 31st December, 1930, viz. \$254,522.74 (compared with \$672,862.16 in 1929), a further sum of \$65,000 has been realised since the date of the balance sheet.

Overdraft Wiped Out.

Investments in the sum of \$123,670 are represented entirely by our holding in the Sandakan Light & Power Co., Ltd., in reference to which a note has been inserted in the balance sheet giving the market valuation at \$296,712. How far this valuation may be realised when applied to the large block we hold is a matter for conjecture on which the Board is naturally reluctant to express an opinion. The increase in Property Account has already been explained, but it remains for me to add that the Company's godowns properties have been efficiently maintained entirely out of revenue.

In July last year, the Board sought and obtained the authority of the shareholders for an increase in the Company's authorised capital by the creation of 300,000 new shares of \$5 each of which 294,789 shares of \$2.50 paid up were offered and taken up by shareholders and the underwriters of the issue. The proceeds of this issue, together with the sum realised from the liquidation of loans, were applied towards repayment of the overdraft with our bankers which a year ago stood at almost \$9 lakhs, but has now entirely disappeared. The balance sheet before you records a credit balance with our bankers for the first time in several years.

The Reserve Account.

We have considered it advisable to show the adjustments made in our Reserve Account by including in the published account statement in detail in which there is only the item of underwriting commission \$28,507.73 to which special reference need be made. This sum might quite reasonably have been spread over a number of years, but your Board decided to extinguish the charge completely in the account for 1930. You will remember, gentlemen, this Reserve Account was created at the time when the Company's finances were reorganized, and it has naturally been a fluctuating account since; as far as can be ascertained there will not be any need to draw on the Reserve Account beyond a sum approximating \$70,000 in further liquidation of loans, thus leaving the eventual balance of the Reserve Account at the substantial figure of \$600,000.

Gentlemen, as to our prospects for the present year, beyond stating that the first three months have been encouraging, it is impossible to forecast likely storage business, having in mind its close connexion with exchange, which seems to be the factor determining

GREAT MUSICAL TREAT.

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NOTED SINGERS DELIGHT AUDIENCE.

Toti dal Monte and De Muro Lomanto will long be remembered by those who were present at the Theatre Royal last night, for it is rarely that Hongkong has the opportunity of listening to two such fine artists. It is to be regretted that the audience was so disappointingly small, for such a reception is not likely to encourage famous musical personalities to visit Hongkong. Those who did attend were vociferously enthusiastic in their applause.

The opening number by de Muro Lomanto, *Ultima Canzone* (Tosti) immediately demonstrated that this artist is the possessor of a voice of great beauty and compass. Toti dal Monte gave on her first item, the ever popular serenade of Gounod's *Flute accompaniment*, followed by "Caplnero" (A. Benedict) also with flute obligato. The famous coloratura soprano is indeed an artiste of outstanding ability, her voice being beautifully clear, especially in the higher register. She gave a sensational interpretation of "The Mad Scene" from *Lucia di Lammermoor*, while the groups of three songs, in the first and second part of the programme were delightfully rendered.

de Muro Lomanto greatly impressed in the plaintive "Una furtiva Lacrima" (Donizetti) and again in one of his encores, the famous "La Donna E Mobile" from "Rigoletto". The duet from the same opera brought the concert to a close in most effective manner. The two voices blended beautifully, the dual passages being especially fine.

Last week's return of notifiable diseases shows four cases of diphtheria (one fatal), two fatal occurrences of small-pox, two non-fatal cases of typhoid (one imported) and one non-fatal case of puerperal fever. There were 52 deaths from pulmonary tuberculosis.

the volume and freedom of imports.

Property Development.

Your Board is considering the development of some of our properties as Chinese dwellings which promises to give a return more commensurate with the admitted values of property at West Point. The business of loans on produce which, from lack of funds could not be considered before, will engage the attention of the Board this year, and it is expected to capture some of the business which now goes to competitive concerns granting this facility.

Gentlemen, the dividend which the Directors propose is small, but it is the first distribution made in five years, and we trust it will meet with your approval.

I now formally propose that the Report and Accounts for the year 1930 as presented to you, and the proposed distribution of profits, namely the payment of a dividend of 10 cents per share on the fully paid up shares and of 1/4 cents per share on partly paid up shares, be adopted and passed.

I would ask a shareholder to be good enough to second this proposal, after which I shall be glad to explain any matter having reference to the Report and Accounts on which you may desire information.

Shareholder's Enquiry.

Mr. H. J. M. Figueirido seconded the report, and Mr. W. Morley enquired as to whether the company's godowns could not be rented to bring in a better return.

The Chairman pointed out that nobody could make a profit from them, but if business was bad and there was a demand for godowns, the Board would assuredly consider taking that course. In any case, the Board would consider Mr. Morley's suggestion, though he would point out that in his (the Chairman's) speech, he mentioned that plans had already been advanced for the conversion of some of godowns into Chinese dwellings, in order to obtain a better return.

The report and accounts were subsequently unanimously adopted.

Mr. W. Morley proposed, and Mr. J. A. V. Soares seconded, the re-election of Mr. C. A. da Roza and Mr. N. V. A. Crouch to the Directorate, and, on the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. S. M. Churn, Messrs. Linstead and Davila, and Messrs. Percy Smith, Soth and Fleming were re-appointed auditors.

Mr. C. A. da Roza presided and was supported by the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braem, Messrs. A. L. Alves, T. B. Wilson, S. M. Churn, P. M. Hodgson, N. V. A. Crouch and Li Tae-fong (Directors), Mr. D. L. King (Secretary) and the following three shareholders: Messrs. W. Morley, H. J. M. Figueirido and J. A. V. Soares.

TARIFF UNION CAUSES WIRES TO HUM.

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THEFT OF OFFICER'S PROPERTY.

ever, be out of the question con-

sidering its economic character.

The Austrian Government had no intention of facing the other

Governments with a fait accom-

pli German Answer.

The German Government replied that the Austro-German agree- ment was entirely within the framework of the Geneva Protocol of October 4th 1922. Therefore, in their opinion, there was no reason why the League Council should take up the matter. The two Governments had nothing to fear if the other Governments pro- ceeded to an examination of the political aspect of the question, but the German Government could not admit an examination of the agreement by the League Council from a political standpoint, as the agreement was of a purely economic character.

The negotiations would naturally have to take their course and, having regard to the numerous technical details which had to be settled, could not be concluded before two or three months had lapsed.

Mr. Henderson said that he regarded the Austrian answer as less open to question than the German answer, which might be held to imply the need for examination.

The political aspect of the question would have to be con- ducted without their co-operation in view of the expressed intention of continuing the negotiations with Austria in the meantime.

Thinking that the German Gov- ernment had perhaps misap- prehended his suggestion, he tele- graphed to Berlin on March 29th saying that his suggestion had been simply to the effect that before the two Governments pro- ceeded further, the opportunity should be given to the Council to assure itself that the proposed treaty was not contrary to the 1922 protocol.

It was possible that the Council would be reluctant to pronounce on so technical and juridical question without seeking an opinion from the Permanent Court of International Justice, and he would support such a procedure.

Perfectly Understood.

The German Government replied on the same day that they had per- fectly understood his proposal, that the negotiations contemplated between the two Governments would take two or three months at least, that the German Govern- ment, for their part, saw no reason to refer the proposed treaty to the League Council since they were satisfied that it was not contrary to the protocol of 1922, that the Powers signatory to the Protocol are of course at liberty to refer the treaty to Council, but that the German Government must reserve complete liberty of action with regard to any procedure which may be suggested to the Council.

Referring to the points of in- terest and importance arising out of those events, Mr. Henderson said a divergence of view had been revealed as to whether the Council, or some special subsidiary organ was the proper form for a discussion in the first instance of the legal aspects of the pro- posed agreement.

He had the best authority for

saying that the Constitution and Rules of the League require that this should be the Council, under which the Protocol of 1922 was negotiated.

British Attitude.

The British Government's at- titude must be, one of reserve; He concluded by emphasising that the pursuit of the line the British Government had laid down, offered the best, and indeed the only, proper solution of an episode which had caused regrettable per- turbation in Europe.

Agreement with the course the Foreign Secretary had taken was expressed at the conclusion of his statement by Sir Austen Chamberlain.

Mr. Henderson has received a letter from the Federation of British Industries urging the Government to take energetic steps to prevent the union, on the ground that British interests will be considerably damaged.—British Wireless and Reuter.

Austrian Defence.

Vienna, Mar. 30. Defending the proposed Austro-

German Customs Union, the Foreign Minister, Dr. Schober emphasised that it was the sequel to many futile efforts by Austria to bring about a lowering or the removal of the tariff walls of neighbouring States.

Austria was entering into similiar negotiations with Hun- gary, Yugoslavia, while the German Government had taken up the matter with Rumania, with the idea of bringing them all into the Union.

Thus, he said, it was clear that the co-operation of Central Europe was the desired goal.

He concluded that the Austrian and German negotiators had merely done their duty to their own countries and to Europe, and "no iden- tif. further from us than a disturbance of the peace of Europe." Reuter.

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THE HANDICAPS FOR EASTER MEETING.

The following are the entries and handicaps for the Easter Race Meeting:

Commonwealth Handicaps, "A" Class.—Fortune Bay (134), Elliot Bay (145), Glenengles (148), Apollo (161), Vanlyck (140), Zornan (140), Boxing Eve (147), Gay Crusader (135), Nidd (150), Jill (140), Hetman (161), King's Bounty (160), King's Service (135), Gold Key (133), Royal Flush (133), Duke of Auteuil (142).

Commonwealth Handicaps, "B" Class.—Little Beaver (140), Cyclamen (154), Piccalilli (160), Fair Sport (146), Daylight Eve (150), New Year's Eve (139), Valoroso (151), Young Prowler (149), Sanction (140), Lobster (147), Pickle (142), Nippy (146), Monterey Bay (142), O-Moon (164), King's Counsel (145), Majestic Hall (145), Paul Pry (151), The Gomerl (140), Chara (153), Winsome Stag (147), Wonderful Stag (145), Crown Prince (140).

Commonwealth Handicaps, "C" Class.—Britannic Hall (148), Brunswick Hall (161), The Pheasant (163), The Grouse (151), The Quail (149), The Snipe (149), Tango (161), Cleo (136), Chivalrous (161), Yankee (133), Scrappit (144), Frillifer (159), Blue Boy (148), City Hall (162), Cream Cracker (146), Iron Blow (140), Bridge Hall (159), Grey Dawn (150), Edenbridge (161), Piccy (148), Peter Guerne (131), Jim Stever (152), Juddstone (133), Silver Key (139), Mascot (133), Thunderous Star (161), Armony (164), Christmas Bells (161), Mongolian Star (152), Fifty Fifty (161), The Discarded (156), Vanoose (133), Pagoda (139), Mindora (146), Misanals (161), Leveret (161), Happy Return (149), Awaken Lion (137), Wings (149), Morning Star (133), Orlando (152), Monk Star (134), One-Third (161), Duke of Brittany (153), Duke of Longchamps (161), Mount Elburs (134), Brown Eyes (133), Bronze Eyes (161), Northern Prince (161), Good Day (145), Sunny Day (142), Tigre (162), Happy Day (139), As You Like It (150), The Lumberd (136), Tay (152), Country Club (142).

Commonwealth Handicaps, "D" Class.—Heresefore (167), Agate (151), Bay of Bellingham II (167), Celosity (145), Sultry Eve (143), Arctic Eve (133), Movannah (167), Summer Hall (133), Noukhai (161), Ploughman (151), Groombridge (152), Loch Sloy (159), Redskins (167), Jester (161), Happy Chole (155), Twilight (139), Silver Flare (133), Choctow II (160), Vadio (143), The Turbot (143), Flornotta (133), Sans Souci (133), Tom Thumb (143), Zephyr (100).

Empire Handicaps, "A" Class.—Cyclamen Bay (161), Majestic Hall (145), Paul Pry (151), The Gomerl (140), Piccalilli (160), Fair Sport (149), Daylight Eve (150), New Year's Eve (180), Valoroso (151), Crown Prince (140), Chara (153), Lobster Bay (149), Eros (147), Imperial Hall (146), Pickle (142), Little Thunder (153), Nippy (146), Monterey Bay (142), O-Moon (164), King's Counsel (145), Peppercorn (134), Glenengles (145), Winsome Stag (145).

CANTON SPORT.

GOLF AND HOCKEY CONTESTS.

Canton, Mar. 30.

In the semi-finals of the mixed foursomes played on Saturday on the Tungshan Golf Club course, Mrs. Manning and Baker-Carr beat Mr. and Mrs. Wolcott on the 18th green, and Mrs. Selfert and W. Manning beat Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Ryan at the 20th.

In the finals, played on Sunday, Mrs. Manning and Baker-Carr beat Mrs. Selfert and W. Manning 5 and 3.

G. W. Greene won the monthly Bocce competition with a score of 11 square.

In a hockey match played on the Shameen ground yesterday, Shameen were badly defeated by an All-Navy eleven from Hongkong. In the early stages of the game, Shameen established a lead of two goals to nil after which they fell away badly, the Navy side scoring three in quick succession and leading by one goal at the interval.

After the change-over, the Navy completely dominated the game and took the score to 6-2. Shameen pulled themselves together and managed to reduce the lead to 6-4, the Navy scoring again just before time to make the final score 7 goals to 4. —Our Own Correspondent.

St. John Ambulance men will be at the Peak Tram Station (Upper and Lower Levels) on Wednesdays at 2.30 p.m. for the purpose of vaccination. Peak residents are requested to inform their servants.

Full results of yesterday's matches were:

Open Singles.
E. C. Flincher beat T. Honda 3-0, 6-1.
L. Goldman beat G. Lal 6-2, 6-3.
Club Championship.
A. L. Sullivan beat H. Owen Hughes 6-2, 6-3.
Handicap Singles, "A."
A. B. Raworth (ove 4-0) beat W. M. Barton (rec 3/6), 5-7, 6-2, 7-5.
TO-DAY'S MATCHES.

Open Doubles.
Ho Ka-ien and Yew Man-kit v. Lee Woon-ien and Lee Wal-tao.
A. L. Sullivan and H. Owen Hughes 6-2, 6-3.
Handicap Doubles.
H. Kermerling and F. V. Jensen (rec 1/2) v. H. Coltrane and G. W. R. Tufts (ove 4/0).
R. M. Wood and H. H. Lennox (rec 1/5) v. J. J. Ferguson and Wilson (ove 4/0).
Robinson and Capt. de Linde (ove 4/6) v. A. C. I. Bowker and V. R. Gordon (Scr).
J. T. Prior and E. S. C. Brooks (rec 15) v. S. E. and D. S. Green (ove 15).

PRINCE IN BRAZIL.

WENT ALL THE WAY TO HOLE OUT IN ONE."

Sao Paulo, Mar. 30. There was terrific applause in the Chamber of Commerce banquet when the Prince of Wales humorously remarked that he came all the way to Brazil "to hole out in one." His Royal Highness declared it was not a politician and not a business man, so he could do something to help "as a liaison officer" between the British Chamber of Commerce in South America and the manufacturers in Britain.

The Prince urged every British resident abroad to promote the purchase of British products. He was given a loud ovation at the close of a brilliant speech and subsequently shook hands with 500 ladies present and then danced until the small hours of the morning.—Reuters' American Service.

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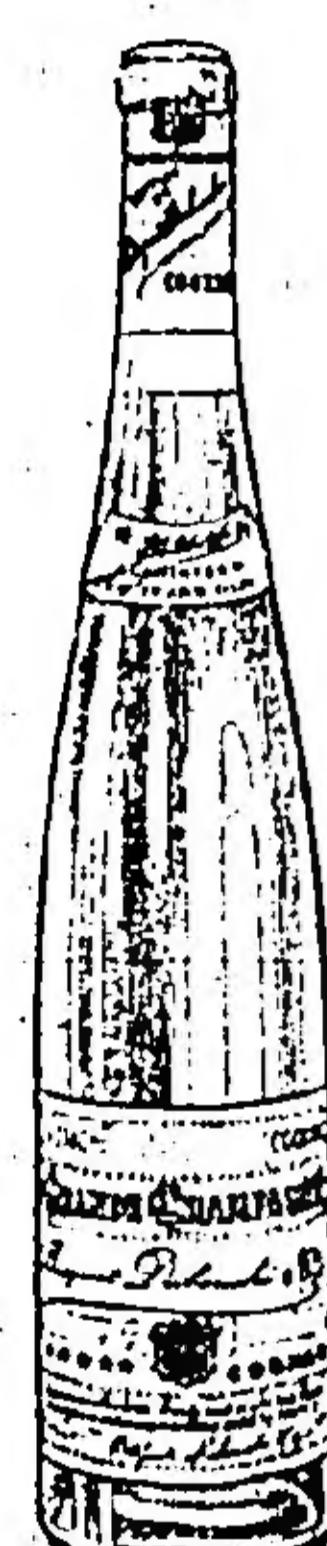
The person with hands and feet like blocks of ice is suffering from the fact that his blood is insufficient to circulate freely in the extremities, which are naturally furthest away from the heart.

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PAID OFFICIALS.

An unprecedented situation was suggested likely at the annual celebrations of St. George's Day in Hongkong this year, when Mr. E. Cock, the newly elected President of the local Society of St. George, addressing members at the annual general meeting yesterday, mentioned that there was no English Regiment resident in the Colony at the present time.

Important alterations to rules were also agreed to at a special meeting which followed, by which the Society is now in the position to appoint a paid Secretary-Treasurer in the place of Mr. P. S. Cassidy and Mr. C. A. L. Plummer who signified the impossibility of again assuming the offices for another year.

Mr. T. E. Pearce (President), occupied the chair at the outset, and was supported by Mr. E. Cock (President-elect), Mr. W. A. Dowley, Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton (Past Presidents), Sir William Hornell, Messrs. W. A. Cornell, H. B. L. Dowbiggin, C. Bulmer Johnson, V. C. Labrum, F. C. Hall, G. A. L. Plummer (Hon. Treasurer) and Mr. P. S. Cassidy (Hon. Secretary).

Others present included Lt.-Col. L. G. Bird and Mr. H. R. B. Hancock (Past Presidents), the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Messrs. A. Hicks, N. L. Ralton, M. S. J. Walsh, R. T. Barrett, J. H. Hunt, G. B. Labrum, S. A. Penheth, R. E. H. Oliver and J. P. Robinson.

In addressing the meeting, and proposing the adoption of the report and accounts, Mr. T. E. Pearce said:

President's Speech.

The Report and Statements of Accounts having been in your hands for some days, I will with your permission follow the usual procedure and take them as read.

The activities of the Society during the year under review are so fully set out in the report that there is little left for me to say.

The applications for financial assistance, few in number, I am glad to say, were carefully scrutinised by the committee appointed for that purpose.

The ceremony at the Cenotaph on St. George's Day was well attended. This ceremony takes but a few minutes, and I would urge all members, who conveniently can, to turn up and support the President and committee on future occasions.

In addition to the lamented death of Mr. P. W. Blackwell, I have to regretfully report the death of another of our members, Mr. G. H. Arnold, which took place whilst proceeding on home leave last year.

I would take this opportunity of putting on record the Society's thanks to the Officer Commanding the 1st. Somerset Light Infantry for the Concert put up by the Band and Bugles of that Regiment on the Cricket Ground on St. George's Day. Also our grateful thanks to the Artists for their assistance at the evening concert in the Lee Theatre, and to the ladies who assisted by distributing cigarettes on that evening.

Hard-working Committees.

Although on the night itself I conveyed to the various Sub-Committees, the Society's, as well as my own personal thanks for the able way in which the Annual Ball was organized and carried through, I must again make a reference.

It is only those behind the scenes who know and appreciate how much careful thought and hard work is required before a function of the magnitude we undertake can be successfully carried through. We can be satisfied that future occasions of this nature will be equally successful, when so many of our members are willing to come forward to do their bit.

I wish to make particular reference to the large amount of time put in by our honorary secretary and honorary treasurer on the Society's behalf during the year.

Unfortunately neither Mr. Cassidy, nor Mr. Plummer can find the time to undertake the duties for another year. I would on your behalf convey to both these gentlemen our appreciation and hearty thanks.

Your Committee have decided, for the sake of continuity, to arrange for and appoint a paid Treasurer and Secretary, and your confirmation of this step will be asked for at the Special General Meeting which follows this one.

Messrs. Linstead and Davis are prepared to undertake the duties, and to meet the cost it is proposed

to increase the subscription from \$2 to \$3 per annum, and to debit the Ball Account with a portion of the sum required.

I am glad to say both Mr. Cassidy and Mr. Plummer will be pleased to carry on until these more definite and final arrangements are made, should you approve of the suggested change.

Satisfactory Accounts.

The Accounts call for little comment.

Members will observe with satisfaction the final figures of the 1930 Ball, there being a surplus on the right side of no less than \$223.40.

I am pleased to be able to report the 1931 Ball will also show a surplus of some \$300 to \$400, despite the fact we made no increase in the charge for tickets, and at the same time had to face increased costs, and also pay for a certain amount of new gear. This satisfactory state of affairs is due to the fact members supported the Ball in such large numbers.

Our thanks are due to Mr. C. Bernard Brown for auditing the Accounts.

I think there is nothing else to which I need refer, and therefore beg to propose that

"The Report and Accounts for 1930 be adopted and passed."

After this has been seconded, I shall be pleased to answer any questions members may wish to ask.

Mr. M. S. J. Walsh seconded the resolution, which was carried unanimously.

Officers.

The following officers were then elected:—President—Mr. E. Cock, Vice-President—Mr. H. R. B. Hancock (Past Presidents), Hon. Secretary (pro tem.)—Mr. P. S. Cassidy; Hon. Treasurer (pro tem.)—Mr. C. A. L. Plummer; Committee—Messrs. L. C. F. Bellamy, W. A. Cornell, V. M. Grayburn, F. C. Hall, Sir William Hornell, C. Bulmer Johnson, V. C. Labrum, F. J. Dhervell, E. F. Autcott, J. Bentley, G. E. Mitchell and A. B. Raworth.

Upon Mr. E. Cock taking the chair, he proposed that for the annual celebration of St. George's Day, the Society endeavoured to have the same arrangements as in the past. A difficulty would arise in connexion with the Cricket Ground programme, as the two regiments in the Colony at the present time were not English. But the remainder of the arrangements appeared to have no difficulties, and he proposed that a special sub-committee be appointed to make suitable arrangements on lines similar to former years.

This was seconded by Lt.-Col. Bird, and passed.

Thanks to the out-going President for his valuable work on behalf of the Society, and to Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co. for the use of their Board Room, concluded the meeting.

Alterations to Rules.

A special general meeting followed, at which Mr. C. Bulmer Johnson proposed several alterations to the rules. In doing so he reminded them that Mr. Pearce had already referred to the proposed increase in subscription. It was proposed to delete rule 17, and add to rule 16, the words which would enable the Society to pay remuneration for services rendered. The deletion of the words "An Honorary" in the second and third lines of rule 4, was merely a technical alteration.

The alteration to rule 8 was to enable the Society to raise the subscription to enable them to pay for the services mentioned.

Mr. F. J. Shervall seconded the proposals, which were carried without division. They were as follows:

1. By deleting the words "an Honorary" in the second and third lines of rule 4 and substituting therefor in each case the word "a."
2. By adding the following paragraph at the end of Rule 16:—Provided that nothing in these Rules shall prevent the payment in good faith of remuneration to any officers or servants of the Society or to any member of the Society or other person in return for any services actually rendered to the Society.
3. By substituting the word "three" for the word "two," in the 2nd. line of Rule 8, and adding after the word year in the 3rd. line thereof the words "or such other sum as the members of the Society shall from time to time determine at the Annual General Meeting." And adding at the end of such rule the words:—The Committee shall have power, in their discretion, to reinstate any such member without payment of any further entrance fee."
4. By striking out Rule 17 and renumbering Rule 18 as 17.
5. By renumbering Rule 19 as 18 and adding the words "provided that the member concerned has been given the opportunity of explaining such conduct to the Committee either in writing or orally."
6. By renumbering Rule 20 as 19.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Bank—

Hongkong Bank, \$2016 b.

Chartered Bank, \$161/2 n.

Mercantile A. and B., \$251/2 n.

East Asia \$118 b.

Insurances,

Canton Ins., \$1395 s.

Union Ins., \$620 b.

China Underwriters, \$3.60 b.

China Fires, \$535 n.

H. K. Fire Ins., \$1300 n.

Shipping,

Douglas, \$25 n.

H. K. Steamboats, \$251/2 n.

Indo-Chinas, (Def.) \$30 n.

Union Waterboats, \$37 n.

Mining,

Benguet, \$10 b.

Kinlang, \$3/2 n.

Shai Explorations, Tls. 51/2 n.

Raub, \$88 b.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$161 n.

Whampoa Docks, \$291/2 b.

South China Motors, \$10 n.

China Providents, \$5.20 b.

Hongkew, Tls. 232 b.

New Engineers, Tls. 51/2 b.

Shanghai Docks, Tls. 108 n.

Cottons,

Evo Cotton Tls. 14.55 n.

Shai Cotton Tls. 1071/2 b.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$14.30 b.

H. K. Land \$341/2 b.

Shai Land Tls. 408 b.

Humphreys, \$16.50 s.

Realities, \$10.85 b.

Public Utilities,

Tramways, \$17.75 b.

Peak Trams, (old) \$141/4 n.

Star Ferries, \$88 b.

China Lights, (old) \$24.80 s.

H. K. Electric, \$78 b.

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China Sugars, 30 cts. n.

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Canton Ices, \$3.30 s.

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EX-ZIEGFELD FOLLIES BEAUTY DIES.

Nice, Mar. 30.—"Tired of life," a woman deliberately drove a motor car 500 feet over a cliff at Eze-sur-Mer and crashed in smithereens on the beach below.

Investigation showed that she was an ex-Ziegfeld Follies beauty and an ex-film star named Peggy Davis. She was well known on the Riviera. She was thrice married. Her first marriage was dissolved, the second annulled and the third was in 1925 to a wealthy Australian named Townsend. Of this latter marriage a baby was born in 1926.

Peggy Davis retired from the films as a result of a bite from a Zoo lion during a rehearsal.

A few moments before the tragedy she entered a cafe, drank two brandies, and scribbled a note which she left on the table, and in which she said: "I do not want to return to the stage. Take care of my mother and baby. I am tired of life."—Reuters.

TOTAL MOON ECLIPSE.

VISIBLE IN HONGKONG ON FRIDAY MORNING.

The total eclipse of the moon which takes place on Thursday (Greenwich time) will be visible in Hongkong, but only those retiring late, and the early risers will see it, as the actual eclipse will be between 3 and 6 a.m. on Friday.

The moon will enter the penumbral shadow of the earth at 1.27 a.m. and the umbral shadow at 2.23 a.m., leaving the umbra at 5.52 a.m. and the penumbra at 6.48 a.m. The total eclipse will begin at 3.22 a.m. and end at 4.53 a.m.

Even while totally eclipsed, the moon will remain visible to the eye, as a copper coloured disc, owing to its illumination by light that has been refracted in the earth's atmosphere. The phenomenon at the beginning will be visible from the whole of the Eastern hemisphere and Australia, while the close will be visible in the same regions, excluding Australia and the eastern part of Asia, and including the eastern part of South America.

CHINESE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

MEMBER CRITICISES METHOD OF ELECTION.

A minor controversy has arisen in connexion with the annual election of officials for the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce which was reported in the S. C. M. Post last week. The dispute centres on the system which the Chamber adopts to elect representatives from different trade guilds and commercial associations. Mr. Mok Ying-kwan, a member of the Chamber, wrote to the vernacular papers complaining that some of the commercial guilds including the Sugar Merchants Association and the Twenty-four Trade Guilds' Association were not represented at the annual election of committee.

The writer further suggested that the Chinese Chamber should enlarge its membership extending the facility to the majority if not all the commercial associations and *hongkong*.

In an interview with a representative of the S. C. M. Post, Mr. Chan Heung-pak, the Secretary of the Chinese Chamber said that rumours that the Chamber was going to have another election were entirely unfounded. The method of electing 100 members to serve on the General Committee for 1931 was the same as the procedure used for many years past.

Mr. Chan further pointed out that the commercial associations and trade guilds were fully represented at the recent annual election as could reasonably have been expected.

Mr. Chan showed our representative a list of the Chinese associations and guilds, members of the Chamber, as well as of Chinese individuals connected with the different trades. He added that from time to time the Chamber wrote to the Chinese business firms and commercial associations requesting them to join as members.

"If these commercial associations fail to join or discontinue their connexion with us for financial or other reasons, it is not within the power of the Chamber to force them to join. When the annual election of officials took place last week each of the commercial associations sent two representatives, and if there is anything unsatisfactory in the representation in this direction the responsibility lies with

RECENT LANDSLIDE FATALITIES.

INQUIRY CONDUCTED AT KOWLOON.

At Kowloon yesterday afternoon, Mr. Hamilton, sitting with a jury, held an inquiry into the death of Wong Lee, who was killed in a landslide at the Kowloon bye-wash reservoir on March 10.

It will be remembered that on that occasion six other men were killed.

Dr. K. Uttley said that death was due to asphyxia.

Mr. Li Cheng, engineer in charge, said the accident occurred in a trench, which had been opened about a month ago. The sides of the trench had been reinforced with boards and poles to prevent a collapse. The right side was more strongly braced than the left, because it was feared that it would collapse on that side if at all. The collapse, in his opinion, would have occurred even if the left side had been as strongly reinforced. The accident was due to the damp weather on the days previous to the accident, which made the earth wet, and when on March 9 there was bright weather, the earth loosened and suddenly subsided into the trench.

Mr. C. W. E. Bishop, Engineer P. W. D., said that the position in the trench when he saw it was quite satisfactory. He attributed the collapse to a plane of elevation behind the piece of earth which they thought to be perfectly sound.

Mr. R. McNeill Henderson, Assistant Director, P. W. D., agreed with the opinion as to the cause of the accident which had been expressed by the other two witnesses. He also said that the bracing had been quite satisfactory.

The Jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

the officials of the commercial associations and not with the officials of the Chamber," concluded Mr. Chan Heung-pak.

Mr. Chan regretted that he was unable to comment fully on the criticisms of Mr. Mok as he had seen only part of his letter so far. It is understood that the new General Committee of the Chamber will meet on Friday to elect a new Chairman and vice-Chairman and an Executive Committee.

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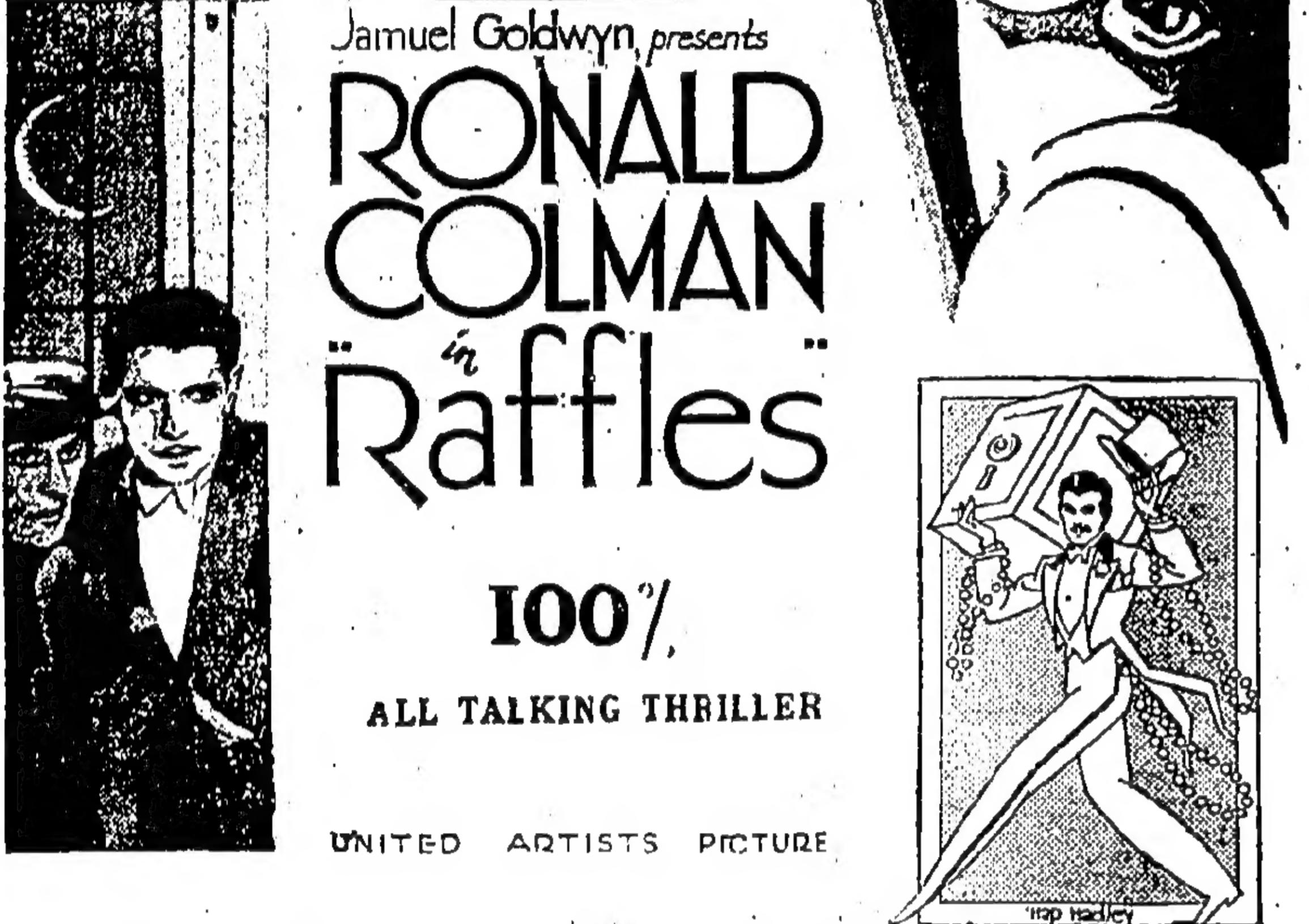
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By ETHEL HUESTON.

BEGIN HERE TODAY.

To keep life from growing too dull in Red Thrush, Iowa, Ginger, Eddie Toller's浪子, organized a club. It was to be something exclusive—just for the "younger set." Accordingly Ginger, whose father was a minister and whose stepmother was wealthy and indulgent; Van Doorn, the local wealthy and indulgent; purchased an old farm house and remodeled it.

To Red Thrush came Bard Holloway, a young artist who had hubbub around him. Attracted by Ginger, he agreed to create and paint portraits and decorate the new club house. Bard said he would bring "the girls" if they could import from Chicago one Nico Calleone. For Nico was handsome and he could cook and sing and strum a guitar. He could make a picture of it.

But in Nico's place there arrived three of his countrymen. Little Angelino, a musician, and Pietro, a cook, and Benito, a gambler. Benito, it seemed, could not come, but they had come in his place. Ginger took them on.

The opening of the club was a great success. Pietro, Angelino and Benito adored just the right girl. Bard began to realize that he was falling in love with Ginger and he suggested leaving Red Thrush, but Bard, knowing how Ginger felt, suggested that he should come to the "Tolliver's" guest.

He did write to Speed Honey, a former friend of Ginger's in the east, inviting him to visit them. She felt Speed should be the one to bring Ginger to him. Ginger thereupon invited Patty Berto to take care of Speed. But Patty wouldn't come, pleading loyalty to Eddie Jackson. When Eddie, however, came to Bard's, he persuaded Patty to come, and when Ginger received word that Eddie was bringing his sister with him she got Speed to come too. And Bard, who had been waiting and waiting, was available for Ginger.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY.

CHAPTER XXII

"Once more, dear home,
I with rapture behold thee."

The Pilgrim's Chorus, savouring strongly of the Italian, accompanied in an orchestral way by the hoarse honk of Iry Ford's taxi horn at the gates, enveloped *Joie de Vivre* in swelling surges of song.

It rocked through the woods, resounding from the high bluffs and was wafted far out over Rabbit River with its solitary boat riding the waves.

Benito had come back.

By the time his great voice released its hold upon the last syllable, all the occupants of the house were crowded joyously together on the front porch waving a welcome, and Benito, staggering under as remarkable an assortment of luggage as had ever been assembled upon one person, advanced largely into their midst, bareheaded, flushed, his face alight with the joy of reunion.

"My friends," he said simply, "I am returned."

Conspicuous for its size at least among his bundles was an enormous suitcase of strangely woven basket straw, loose and ungainly, and packed until its frail sides bulged dangerously so that it had to be reinforced with a half-dozen folds of an old scarf.

Under one arm he carried an old, unwrapped violin which he had retrieved from pawn, for Angelo, an umbrella and a raincoat, while hanging from it by a stout rope was an open-meshed shopping bag laden with small packages of every shape and colour.

Protruding from him in every direction were Italian newspapers and from a chain in his right hand was suspended a brass bowl containing goldfish. Every pocket was crammed, his hands were full, his arms akimbo with things beneath.

Presently, from far off in the woods they heard his great voice.

"Come, look!" he shouted. "Quick, come, look!"

But when they ran down to relieve him of his burdens he waved them aside.

"Wait, wait!" he boomed. "呈ents—such presents—I have brought for each and all. Don't touch anything—I must open them in secret. Such presents for all!"

It was only by turning sideways and pushing the suitcase ahead of him that he managed to get through the door, and he joined merrily in their laughter at his predicament. With his foot upon the stairs that led to his attic room he turned to smile conspiringly back upon them.

"Wait!" he repeated impressively. "Wait until I unpack. Such presents!"

In a very few minutes he returned again, his arms laden with packages, each carefully wrapped in coloured paper and tied with ribbon. From them he made careful selections and carried out the act of presentation with a great deal of formality, kissing the hands of each lady and whacking the men with resonant friendliness between the shoulderblades. As he distributed his gifts he kept up a running account of the reasons for his choice.

For Mr. Tolliver, he being a holy man, he had brought an illustrated copy of the Life of St. Francis, who was fond of birds, and a hand-carved ebony crucifix.

For Mrs. Tolliver, he brought a set of Italian table dôllies, real lace, and a Chinese ivory pickle fork. These he gave to Ginger to be delivered to her parents with his ardent love and deep respect.

To Jenky, almost with tears in his eyes, he presented a roll of black silk sufficient for a new dress and maybe two, and a lace collar, imported.

For Ben he had a new cane with a solid silver top and his initials monogrammed on it an elaborate design. For Sundays, Benito said resoundingly.

To Bard, who was partial to art, he had brought a large framed lithograph of one of Rubens' most flamboyant court pictures and a set of water-colour paints in a burst wood box.

Ginger received a long strand of blue beads to match her eyes, a silk handkerchief and a very brilliant velvet rose "for her hat." Angelo and Pietro drew soft shirts "just like Mr. Bard's," but a great deal more startling in colour and pattern.

In addition, Angelo's mother had sent him a huge cake with his name printed on the white frosting in pink letters and three bottles of—Italian grape juice, which Angelo immediately served to the entire party as a thanksgiving for the safe return of their dear friend.

They laughed, they talked, they sent one another's shoulders. Benny brandished his silver-headed cane with a rakish air, and Jenky put the imported lace collar on over her house dress just to prove her festive spirit, and Bard, beside Ginger, cautioned her not to imbibe too freely of the Italian grape juice which was a bit different in effect from regular American. The Italians clinked their glasses, Angelo tried out the redeemed violin and found it as good as new, Benito burst into irrepressible song.

"Who once has kissed it
This magic bridle
Cannot resist it
Ever must drink."

And as the spontaneous applause of his friends elevated still higher both his pride and his blood-pressure, he swept grandly into the Italian.

"Chi all'osca ha morso
Del diti rambo
Spavaldi e strambi
Beva con te."

"Isn't it fun, Bard?" whispered Ginger happily. "Isn't everything nice?"

"Everything's nicer than just plain nice," he declared extravagantly. "Everything's perfect. It's just plain heaven."

And they smiled into each other's eyes and believed it.

But Benito, for all his joy in this reunion with his friends, did not forget that he had other interests around the place, and in a few minutes he wandered out alone.

The others, watching affectionately from the windows, saw him proceed slowly from bird-house to bird-house shaking his head regretfully for those that continued empty, chirruping joyously to those that sheltered little feathered tenants.

He had brought presents for them, too, a small glass water bowl for each house and a bag of Canada peas, with a small can of hemp seed as a special treat.

Presently, from far off in the woods they heard his great voice.

"Come, look!" he shouted. "Quick, come, look!"

Ginger and Bard, to please him, ran down the wood path, hand in hand, and presently came up to him, dancing beside the hedge.

"Look, see!" he chorused. "See what I got in this nest in the hedge! Thrushes, two thrushes, a Mrs. and Mr. Look—two eggs! I like thrushes. You know what? I'm going to build me a big house down to the boat-landing. Maybe some river birds will fly there and raise little river birds, and we'll make it bird reservation. I like water birds. They're sensible."

Ginger patted his hand affectionately.

"Oh, Benito," she said fondly, "my great big blessing! I'm awfully glad you came back. I don't see how we could ever get along without you."

"A simple, sweet-hearted son of the soil, that's what he is," commented Bard, as they left him to continue his happy tour of the account of the reasons for his choice.

Benito himself was very fond of reiterating that he was a son of the soil, and so he was indeed. He loved the rich scent of loamy earth, loved the very sight of tender green things shooting tiny tendrils above the soft sod, loved all the throaty, heart-full sounds of out-of-doors, the flutter of wings, the patter of scampering wild feet, the chirp, or peep, or call of little woodland voices.

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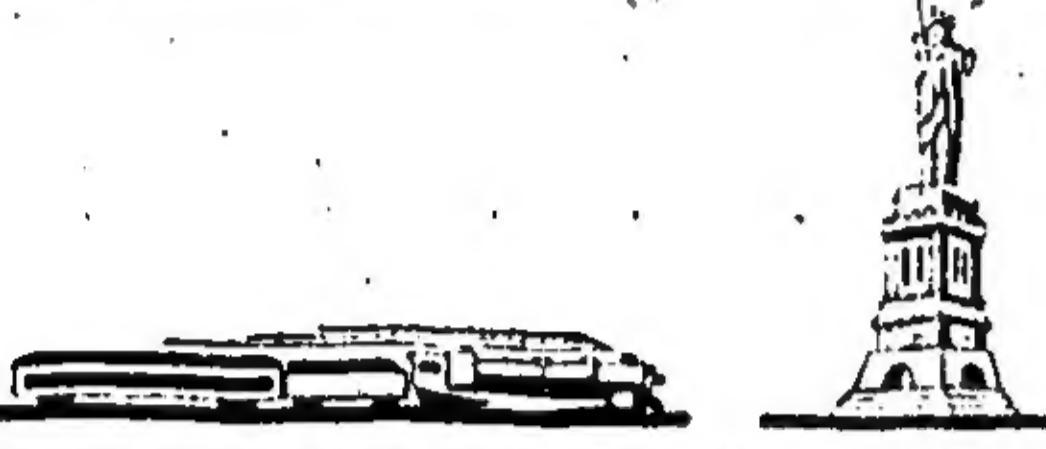
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YESTERDAY'S BIG WEDDING.

SPEECHES AT THE RECEPTION.

That the bride should have captured an Oxford man who must have imbibed, while an impressionable student, the wisdom of Robert Burton, who claimed that the perils of matrimony were so many and various that it were better for a wise man to reply with the philosopher "it is yet unreasonable and ever will be," was the testimony to her attractions and charms, made by Sir William Hornell in the course of a charming speech at the reception at the Hongkong Hotel yesterday, following the marriage of Miss Mary Ho and Mr. Sui Wa Liang, at which he proposed the health of the happy couple.

The Roof Garden presented a pretty and animated scene, something like 1,000 guests being present to drink with sincere wishes, the health and prosperity of the bride and groom. They stood, with their charming retinue of bridesmaids, flower girls and pages, underneath a symbolic bell, cleverly worked in arum lilies.

Sir William's Speech.

Sir William Hornell proposed the health of the bride and groom, in the course of which he said:

I have been asked to propose the health of the bride and bridegroom. It has always struck me as queer that spinsters and bachelors are in such demand in connexion with marriage ceremonies. The father gives the bride away; the bachelors do the rest. When one is elected to a club, one is welcomed by the members of the Club. But when one gets married, instead of a veteran in the noble army of martyrs, I mean married—welcoming the recruits, it is generally left to an outsider, a man (in social and domestic matters) the victim, is always a man) who knows nothing of women, except as a distant though not always a disinterested spectator. Well, spectators are said to see most of the game. Perhaps I am regarded as an elderly staff officer, who like all staff officers keeps out of the rough and tumble.

I have known the bride by sight for many years. But being of an exceedingly timid nature where the other sex are concerned, for many years I did not dare to approach her. Her family have been connected with the University since its start. Her grandfather, Ho Fook, was one of the original benefactors; her father is a member of the Court, and one of her brothers has only just left the University. When her father asked me to perform the task with which I am now struggling, I ventured to approach Mary. Well, I will spare her blushes, but I will tell the bridegroom that in my opinion he is a very lucky man.

Likeable Oxonians.

The bride I also congratulate, not only because the bridegroom is universally acclaimed to be a charming young fellow, but (also) because he is an Oxford man. Now Oxford men are generally, I think, rather likeable persons who, even though some of them

are still afflicted by the Oxford manner, have almost entirely abandoned the use of Oxford trousers. But I am not thinking of the general likeableness of Oxford men. Oh no! what I am thinking of at the moment is that Oxford men are by tradition and nature celibates.

In the 15th and 16th centuries there was a student of Christ Church—in those happy days a man could spend all his life as a student and be paid for doing it—called Robert Burton who wrote a famous book called "The Anatomy of Melancholy." Now the intention of this book was to explain the causes of extravagant mental distress and irrational behaviour, and to suggest remedies for them. One section of the book, and it is one to which readers most readily turn deals with love-melancholy. Now Burton admitted that the best cure for love-melancholy was matrimony, but he regarded the perils of matrimony as so many and various, that "it were better," he concluded, "for a wise man when the question of marriage presented itself to him, to reply with the philosopher 'it is yet unreasonable and ever will be.'" In fact, Burton was so sure that bachelors have so much the best of life, that he maintained that they ought in gratitude to build and endow colleges for old maids to live together in. That Mary Ho Kwong should have captured an Oxford man who must have imbibed, while an impressionable student, the wisdom of Robert Burton, in a tremendous testimony to her attractions and charms.

Bridegroom's Career.

The bridegroom's father as you all know was the late Sir Cheng Tung Liang Chen, K.C.M.G., who was at one time Chinese Minister at Washington and at another time Chinese Minister at Berlin. And a good deal of the bridegroom's boyhood was spent with his father at these vital centres of modern life. At St. Stephen's College, Hongkong, Mr. S. W. Liang was Prefect, also Captain of the school's football and athletics. Passing to University College, Oxford, he was fortunate enough to find there as the Master of the College, my old friend and colleague, Sir Michael Sadler. I know what Sir Michael Sadler thinks of him, but as I have spared the bride's blushes, I must also spare his. He represented his College at tennis, football and athletics. He did not take a first class; possibly, and perhaps wisely, he decided that life at Oxford was too rare a gift to be spent wholly in poring over books.

A Picture.

I do not know whether Mr. Liang proposes to devote his life to the unremunerative field of education. If he does, that will be the gain of the children of Hongkong that are and are to come. But it may be that he will follow in the footsteps of his diplomatic father and in that case, I shall hope some day to see Mr. and Mrs. S. Y. Liang revealing in the Chancelleries of Europe or America that charm and courtesy which have endeared them to so many here. With this picture I will close.

The reception concluded with a tea dance, the music being supplied by all your pried by the Hotel band.

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Hongkong, 30th March, 1931.

friends, well-wishers and admirers everywhere, I wish you every happiness. Someone, Robert Louis Stevenson I believe, said that the romance of mutual attraction does not end at the altar; that on the contrary it begins there. I believe this to be supremely true and I hope that your mutual experience will prove me right.

Mr. Liang briefly responded, and later the pair left for the honeymoon which is being spent in Peking, the bride's going away ensemble being a red lace and crepe de chine dress, and coat, with shoes to match.

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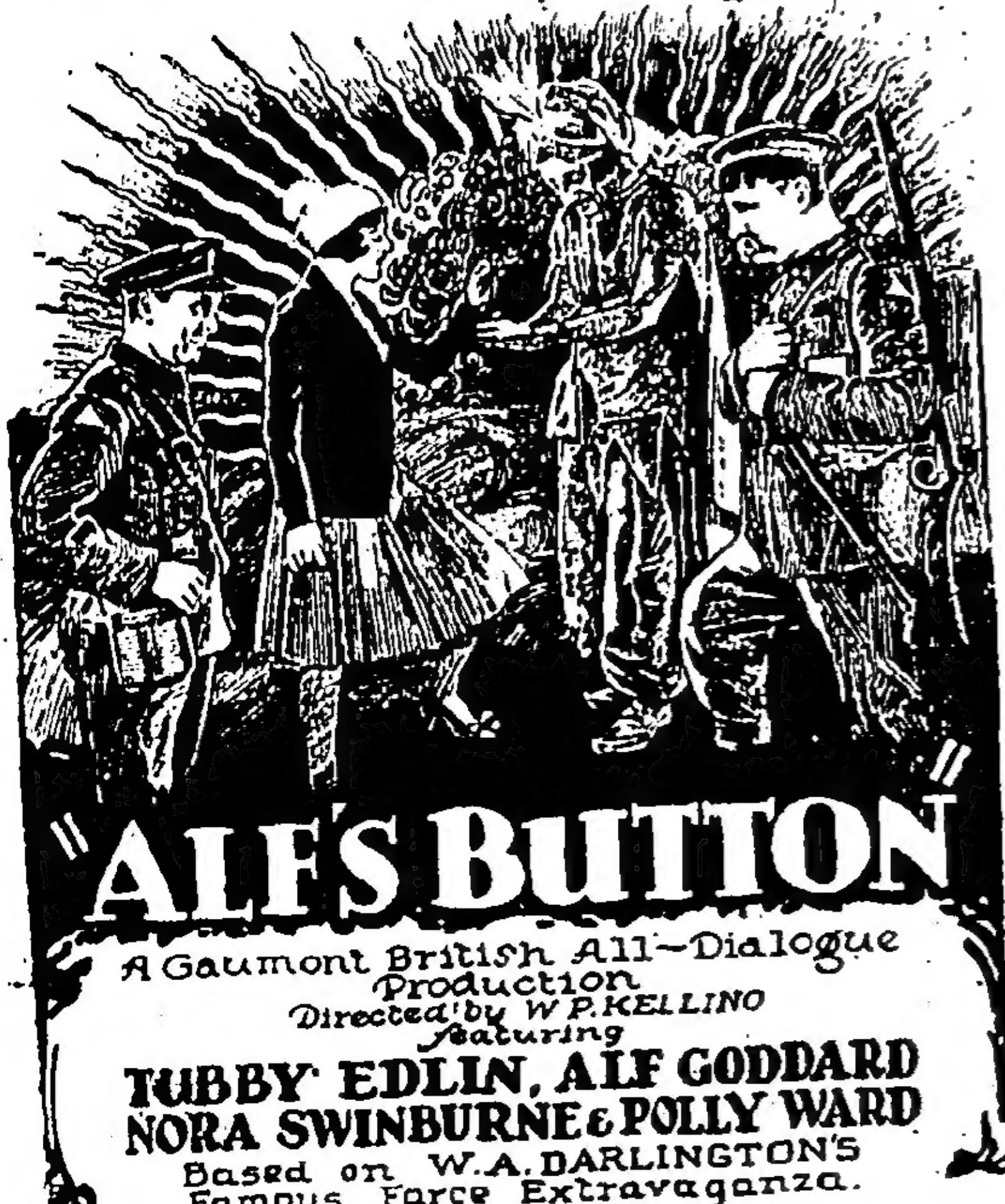
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GOVERNMENT AND SUEZ CANAL.

"IMPERTINENT" REPLY BY COMPANY.

B.O.T. CONSIDERING.

London, Mar. 30. The matter of the excessive dues charged by the Suez Canal Company was raised in the House of Commons to-day by Mr. A. M. Samuel (Con., Farnham) who suggested that the Government make a request to the appropriate economic committee to consider whether the scale of dues was restricting British exports to the Far East.

Mr. W. R. Smith, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade, replied that the whole question was under consideration, but useful service would not be served by such an enquiry.

Mr. Samuel then drew attention to the "impertinent" statement recently issued by the Company, recommending that British shipowners with complaints should apply to the British Government for relief out of the dividends paid to the British Government.

He asked the Government to convey to the British representative on the Board of Directors of the Suez Canal Company that British shippers were not going to tolerate such language.

Mr. Smith gave an assurance that the Board of Trade fully seized the importance of the matter, and was dealing with it.—*Reuter's*

KWANGSI ISSUE RAISED.

TWO DELEGATES ON VISIT TO NANKING.

Shanghai, Mar. 30. Considered to have a significant bearing on the political situation in South China is the visit to Nanking of General Wu Ting-yang and Mr. Chan Shih, both being members of the Executive Council of the newly-formed Kwangsi Provincial Government, with General Wang Shao-hung as Chief Commissioner.

Mr. Chan Shih arrived at Nanking this morning and will interview President Chiang Kai-shek to-morrow. He has made statement to Chinese newspaper correspondents that General Pei Chung-hai is the most treacherous of the Kwangsi generals now holding out against the suggested armistice with Nanking.

General Wu Ting-yang is visiting Hangzhou, the famous resort near Shanghai. General Wu is quoted as saying that for the disbandment of superfluous armies and carrying out of the military rehabilitation in Kwangsi a sum of \$1,800,000 will be required. He denies rumours that Nanking has given \$500,000 to General Wang Shao-hung to carry out this project.

THREAT TO SUGAR COMBINE.

ALLEGED BREACHES OF THE ANTI-TRUST LAW.

New York, Mar. 30. A suit for the dissolution of the Sugar Institute and for a permanent injunction against the American Sugar Refining Company and forty-nine other defendants charged with violation of the Sherman Anti-Trust Law, has been filed in the Federal Court on behalf of the United States Attorney-General.—*Reuter's American Service*.

A Raw Deal. Later.

Members of the Sugar Institute produce eighty-five per cent. of the sugar consumed in the United States.

The Government's complaint against organisation alleges that sugar sold by the members has been manufactured from the raw product obtained in Cuba, Porto Rico, Hawaii and the Philippines at abnormally low prices, which has not been reflected in the cost to the consumer.—*Reuter's American Service*.

CHINESE AERIAL SERVICE.

SHANGHAI LINK WITH ICHANG.

Shanghai, Mar. 30. The first trip in connexion with the inauguration of a passenger aerial service linking Shanghai with Ichang in Hupeh on the Upper Yangtze will be started to-morrow morning when a plane will leave for Ichang, making one stop at Hankow.

The new service is being organised by the Chinese Civil Aviation Company which intends to provide twelve regular trips in a month.

FATHER WHO SOLD DAUGHTER.

ADMISSIONS IN MUI-TSAI PROSECUTION.

WARNED BY COURT.

London, Mar. 30. The case against Fung Sam-mui, an unmarried woman, charged with keeping an unregistered mul-tail, was pressed by the S.C.A. representative, Mr. Q. A. A. MacFadyen, at the Central Police Court to-day.

Mr. MacFadyen said he wanted to press for a more heavy penalty than usual, by reason of the fact that the child was bought as recently as February last. The man who sold the child was her own father.

On Sunday, continued Mr. MacFadyen, a district watchman saw a crowd gathered in the street, and, on enquiring into the matter, was told by the girl, who was in the centre of the group, that she had been ill-treated by her mistress. She was taken to the Government Civil Hospital, for an examination of any possible injury. It appears, however, that the medical report was not enough for a charge of ill-treatment to be brought, although there were certain marks which were probably due to the girl being beaten five or six days before.

The father of the child, when questioned, told him (Mr. MacFadyen) that he sold the girl because of extreme poverty, and that when he heard that the child was being ill-treated, he came down here from the country to get her back. He had sold her for \$65, Chinese currency, which was much less than local money. In endeavouring to get the child back, he offered \$14, Hongkong money, to the accused, who refused, saying that she wanted a further \$30.

He (Mr. MacFadyen) had not charged the father with aiding and abetting, as he could have done, this being in consideration of the circumstances—the fact that he was an ignorant countryman and the desirability of having him as a witness for the prosecution. He (Mr. MacFadyen) doubted if he could give the child back to him, as he was still poor and might sell her again.

Accused, in reply to the Court, declared that the child was "presented" to her. She admitted, however, that she paid \$63 as "vinegar and ginger money" to the child's father.

In finding the woman \$150, or six weeks' in default, the Magistrate (Mr. Williams) observed that the child's father did not deserve to have his child back at all—he could consider himself lucky if he was not charged with aiding and abetting.

SHOOTING TRAGEDY IN JOHORE.

SULTAN'S NEPHEW AND WIFE FOUND DEAD.

Singapore, Mar. 25. Johore Bharu was the scene of a shooting tragedy on Monday afternoon, involving the death of a member of the Royal family and his wife.

It appears that shortly after 1.30 p.m. the bodies of Unku Mohamed bin Ahmad and his wife were found in the house where they lived with Unku Mohamed's mother, the Tengku Besar (second sister of H.H. the Sultan of Johore). They had been shot and a revolver and a service rifle, both of which had been fired, were found close by. It is presumed the Unku Mohamed shot his wife and then himself.

Unku Mohamed was 23 years of age and his wife was a year younger. He was engaged in the office of the Dato Menteri Besar and was a second Lieutenant in the Johore Volunteer Forces. His father was Unku Chik Ahmad. It is thought that Unku was the cause of the tragedy.

RUSSO-CHINESE OUTLOOK.

SOVIET ACTIVITY ON THE FRONTIER.

Mukden, Mar. 30. The Intelligence Department of the Manchurian Army has been informed of military activities at Chita and one or two of the more important strategic positions on the Chinese-Russian frontier where the Russian Garrison Forces have been increased coincident with the return to Moscow of the chief Chinese delegate attending the Moscow Conference, General Moh Tchih-hui.

Official opinion in Government circles is that this is part of a Russian demonstration to bring pressure on China at the Moscow conference. The number of Russian military planes has also been increased.

FATHER TIERNEY'S FATE UNKNOWN.

OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION OF DEATH LACKING.

NANKING ENQUIRIES.

London, Mar. 30. No official confirmation is yet available regarding the reported death of Father Tierney, of the St. Columba's Mission, Kelnchang. Mr. Arthur Henderson, the Foreign Secretary, replying to questions in the House of Commons to-day, stated that His Majesty's Minister in China had been unable to confirm or deny the rumour of Father Tierney's death.

Mr. Henderson added that Sir Miles Lampson has been in frequent communication with Dr. C. T. Wang, the Foreign Minister, on the subject of Father Tierney's detention, and Dr. Wang undertook on March 25 to again telegraph the local authorities.

The latter had at that time already been instructed to spare nothing to secure Father Tierney's release, being prepared to pay the ransom if necessary. A special messenger had been sent to the locality by the Chinese Government to obtain information and he was expected back in Nanking on April 13.

Mr. Henderson, replying to another question, said he had no information, apart from the Press reports, regarding the reported murder of two American women missionaries in South China.

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the whole of the world in search of a land transfer system which could be best applied to the needs of China.

Another interesting point revealed, was in the proposal of the Chinese Government to conduct a geological survey of the whole of the country at the same time of the geodetic survey, this being in order to estimate the mineral wealth of the country.

"It seems that they are tackling the problem well," was the opinion offered.

Hongkong Example.

An interesting reason for the Chinese Government's action in asking the advice of the local authorities, was also advanced. The Chinese Government, "we were informed," was very impressed with the geodetic survey of the New Territories carried out by the Hongkong Land Office some time ago. They did, in fact, regard it as a model survey, and stated that they considered it a fine piece of work."

OIL IMPORTS INTO AMERICA.

MAJORITY OF COMPANIES AGREE TO REDUCE.

Washington, Mar. 30. All leading importers of foreign petroleum have now conformed to the informal request of the Government to assist in a limitation of oil imports.

The latest to join in is the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, which notified the Treasury to-day that it will join the scheme within ninety days.

The decisions of the companies with regard to curtailment apply only to a ninety-day period and the amount of the reduction proposed varies considerably. —*Reuter's American Service*.

MOTHERWELL'S BIG WIN.

ONLY TWO SHORT OF THE CENTURY MARK.

London, Mar. 30. Motherwell defeated Falkirk to six goals to one at Fir Park to-day, the leading positions in the Scottish League as at result being as follows:

Rangers	34	23	6	5	68	39	52
Colfie	32	22	5	5	60	25	49
Partick	33	21	8	4	69	31	48

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WEATHER REPORT.

The Royal Observatory reports that pressure is highest over North Japan. A depression is situated between Nagasaki and Oshima.

The annual dinner of the Law and Commerce Society of the Hongkong University is to be held at Lane Crawford's Restaurant on Saturday, 11th April, at 8.30 p.m.

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